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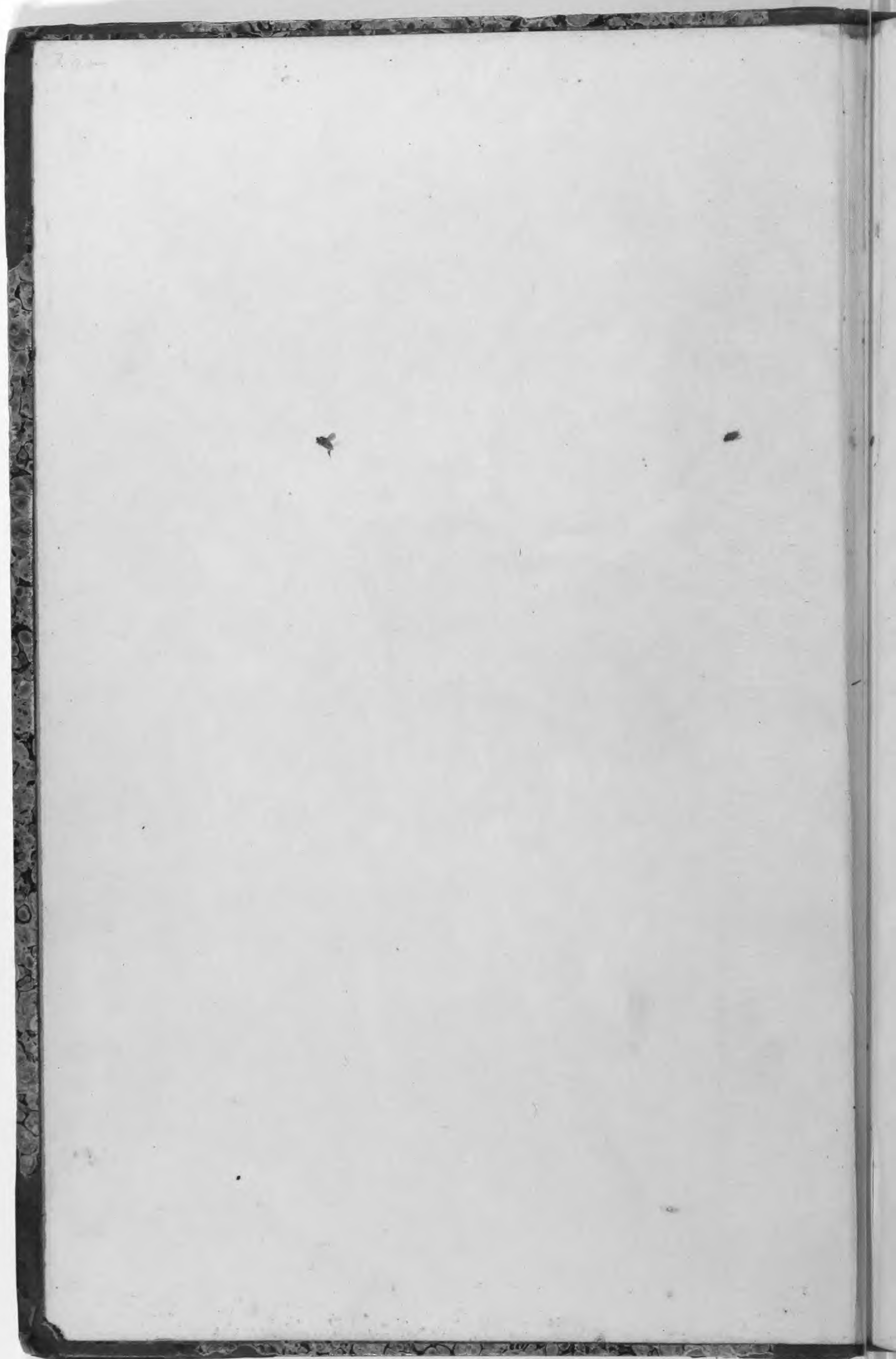
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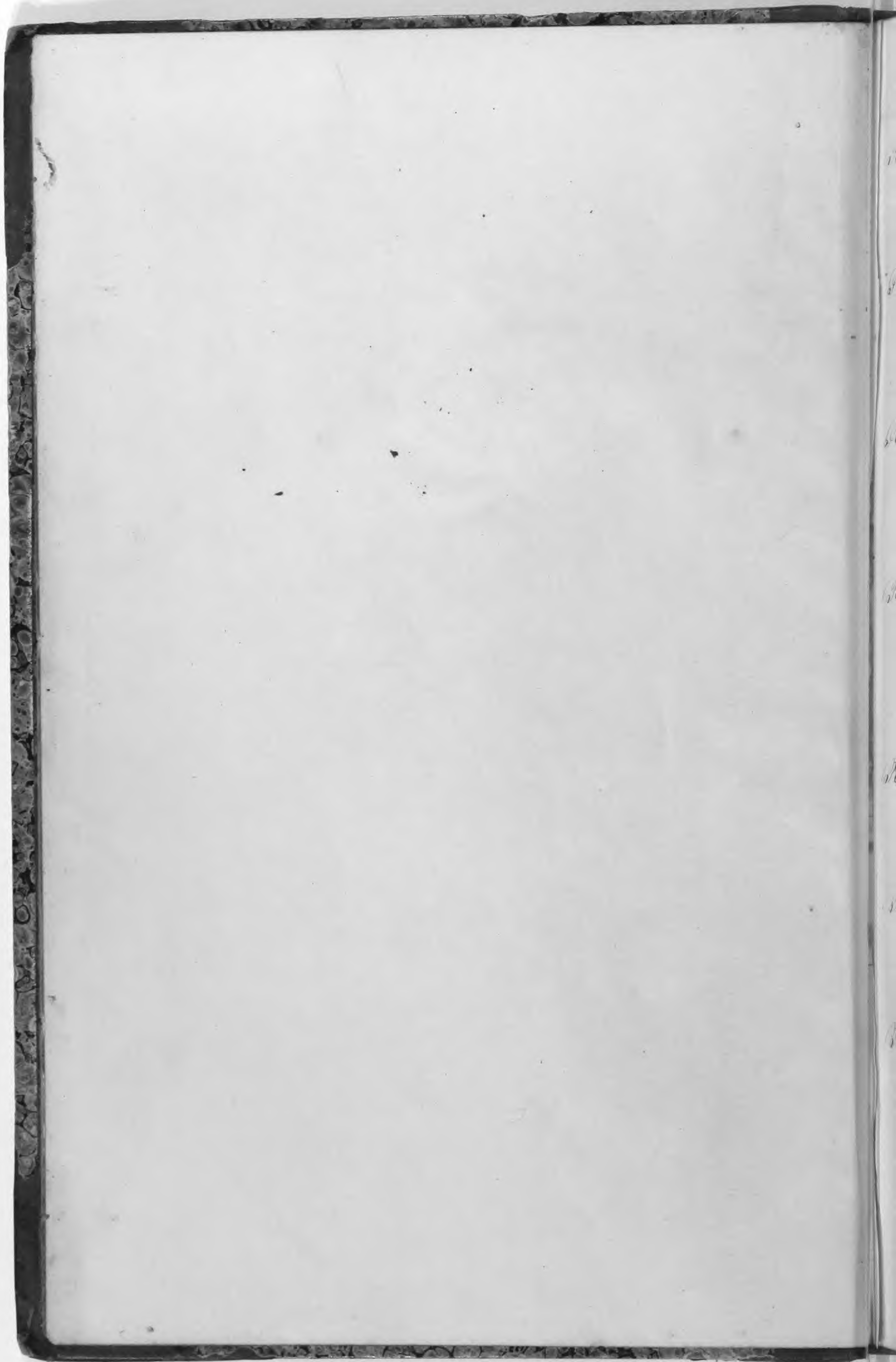
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Ship American Edgartown November 27th 1861

Remarks Saturday Nov 27th 1861

Moderate winds from N^W to A^N cast off from the wharf and came too below the flats with the best bower waiting for men from Nantucket

Remarks Sunday Nov 28th

Pleasant winds from N and N^NW all hands ashore on liberty 7 P^M a sloop arrived from Nantucket with the men. Midnight the wind hauled to NE with snow and rain

Remarks Monday Nov 29th

Heavy gales from NE with snow and rain 12 A^M found the ship dragging a little let go the small bower and payed away to it sunset more moderate midnight ceased snowing

Remarks Tuesday Nov 30th

Moderate winds from N and N^NW took the small bower anchor and hove in on the best bower chain all hands beating off ice from sails and rigging latter part broke out the blubber room for water and dried some of the sails

Remarks Wednesday Dec 1st

Wind at NW 11 A^M got under way and stood up sound under all sail 5 P^M came too in Tarpanin Cove with the best bower waiting for the tide

Remarks Thursday Dec 2nd

Strong winds from NW to N 3 A^M got underway and stood out of the sound 12 A^M discharged the pilot Gay Head bearing NE light winds

Remarks Friday Dec 3rd

Light airs and calm all hands stowing cables and anchors sunset calm No hands land in sight to the E. 10 P^M a light breeze from SE heading SW 2 A^M tack to the E. & tack to SW latter part thick and drizzly took in M^S sail

Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean

Remarks on Saturday December 4th 1841.

Moderate winds and rain ^{at 2^{PM}} the wind increasing double reefed and took in Mainsail Jib and Spanker. 5 PM took in the Fore and Mizzen Topsails. 7 took in the Gensail and lay under close M Topsail and M Topmast staysail blowing a severe gale from S S E - 1 at M more moderate the wind hauling to N W wore ship and set the Foresail steering S E by E. 8 At M set Fore and Mizzen Topsails reefed & took them in again steering E by S.

Lat 39. 30 N
Long 70 20 W

Remarks Sunday Dec 5th

Steering E by S with strong gales from W S W saw a ship and Brig steering to the N E. 8 At M set double reefed M Topsail

Long 67 25

Remarks Monday Dec 6th

Strong gales from W steering E by S 6 PM took in the M Topsail middle part squally 8 At M set the M Topsail double reefed latter part some rain and hail

Long 63 20

Remarks Tuesday Dec 7th

Moderate gales from W and squally weather steering E by S middle part moderate 7 At M light winds from N W and N made all sail saw a brig steering to the E and N all hands fitting boats 12 At M rainy wind at N N E

Remarks Wednesday Dec 8th

Moderate winds and rainy 6 PM wind increasing double reefed and took in the Mainsail. middle part more moderate set the Mainsail latter part rainy wind N N E steering E by S broke out the blubber room for bread

Lat 39. 9

Remarks Thursday Dec 9th

Rainy 6 PM strong winds and squally took in Fore and Mizzen Topsails Mainsail and Jib and close reefed the Main middle part moderate 7 At M made all sail all hands fitting boats and craft

Lat 38 48

Long 55 12

Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean

Remarks on Friday December 10th 1841

Light air and pleasant weather all hands fitting boats
 6 P.M. chose boats crew - Steering E. by S. middle part calm
 3 A.M. took a light breeze from S.W. latter part saw some
 finbacks stood the first mast head took the waist
 boat from over head to fit

Lat 38 40 N

Remarks Saturday Decr 11th

Strong winds from S.W. steering E. by S. 5 P.M. put the waist
 boat over the side and double reefed took in main sail
 and jib. 12 wind hauled to N.W. clear and pleasant 7 A.M.
 made all sail all hands fitting boats - rigging &c

Lat 39 11

Long 49 45

Remarks Sunday Decr 12th

Light winds from N.W. and pleasant steering E. by S.
 fitting boats middle part calm 9 A.M. a light
 breeze from S. - all hands keeping the sabbath

Lat 39 10

Long 48 45

Remarks Monday Decr 13th

Light winds from S.E. and pleasant weather
 heading up E. and E. by N. middle part strong breeze 6 A.M.
 reefed the Fore and Mizzen Top sails. 10 A.M. picked up
 a spar 60 foot long the mast of a sloop or schooner
 having been in the water about a week - fitted the
 Fore top gallant mast

Lat 40 25

Remarks Tuesday Decr 14th

Moderate winds from the S.E. heading to the E.
 latter part sent up the Fore and Mizzen Top Gallant masts
 picked up a ships lower steering sail boom very large

Remarks Wednesday Decr 15th

Light winds and drizzly weather heading up E. by N.
 middle part strong gales took in jib spanker and mainsail
 and lay under reefed topsails latter part about the same

Long 41 20

Remarks Thursday Decr 16th

Strong gales heading up E. by N. 7 P.M. the wind hauled
 to S.W. steering E. by S. 3 A.M. took in the Mizzen Top sail
 latter part strong gales

Lat 43.27

Long 39.5

Ship American bound to the Pacific began

Remarks on Friday December 17th 1841.

Moderate gales from SSW steering S E & E set the
hozen topsail middle part the wind hauled to NW
steering S E. 7 AM made all sail

Remarks Saturday Decr 18th

Moderate winds and pleasant steering S E.
latter part light air from N broke out the fore hold
and between decks 11 AM put off for Grampusses
but got none

Lat 42 27

Long 37 42

Remarks Sunday Decr 19th

Light air from N steering S E. ^{and S} breaking out
and steering between decks. middle part caught
a porpoise latter part keeping Sabbath

Lat 41 53

Long 36 43

Remarks Monday Decr 20th

Y

Light air from the N steering S. middle part
calm. 7 AM moderate winds and heavy swell
saw some scattering whales put off and chased
but did not get on, 12 returned on board

Remarks Tuesday Decr 21st

Y

Strong breeze from SSW chasing whales with
the ship 4 PM put off waist boat struck
and parted night coming on lost the whale
with 2 iron in him. Shortened sail heading to
the S E. 12 wore to the W. 4 AM squally the wind
hauled suddenly to N NW square away S
and made all sail latter part pleasant

Lat 41.2

Long 35.24

Remarks Wednesday Decr 22nd

Y

Light air from N steering S 4 PM put off
for whales but too near night to do any thing.
Shortened sail heading to the E. Sunrise calm
saw a large whale put off and the starboard boat
missed a good chase - continued in chase
untill 12 when the whale started to windward
the boats returned on board

Y

Lat 40.41

Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean

Remarks on Thursday December 23rd 1861.

Moderate winds from SSW heading to SE sent up
Hand Shiver top gallant yards and ^{set} to gallant sails
3 PM tack to NW 7 PM shortened sail latter part
strong winds from SSW and SW saw spouts and
brakes but could not determine what they were
set up the starboard shiver rigging and so ended these
24 hours

Lat 40 10

Long 33 30

Remarks Friday Decr 24th

strong breezes from SW double reefed topsails and took
in the mainsail and jib steering SSE middle part
squalls of rain 7 AM set the mainsail 11 AM made
hoove and stores bearing SE

Lat 39 46

Long 31 6

Remarks Saturday Decr 25th

Strong breezes from SSW steering to the SE 5 PM passed
under the lee of Corvo about 4 miles dist heading up ESE
middle part light winds made all sail latter part
all hands busy sending up royal masts and fitting
rigging - saw the peak of Pico and Poyul to the S of us

Lat 39 43

Long 29 15

Remarks Sunday Decr 26th

Light air from the S heading to the E making little
or no progress on our way all hands employed up
most useful middle part calm - latter part a light
wind from SSE heading SSW Pico in sight to the
SE

Lat 39 19

Remarks Monday Decr 27th

Light air from SSE heading to the SSW 10 PM
tack to ESE 8 AM saw Graciosa tack to W saw
a merchant ship standing the E all hands setting up
and fitting rigging

Lat 38 48

Long 29 22

Remarks Tuesday Decr 28th

Moderate winds from SSW heading up NW
middle and latter part about the same saw
2 ships steering ENE no land to be seen

Lat 38 7

Long 31 20

Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean

Remarks on Wednesday December 29th 1841
Strong winds from SSW steering to the W put the
stern boat over head. 12 wore to the SE. latter part about
the same Lat 37.43

Remarks Thursday Decr 30th
Strong breezes from SSW heading up SE. latter part
broke out the fore hold for water Lat 37 12
Long 28 50

Remarks Friday Decr 31st
Strong S W winds heading up SE & S middle
part double reefed Topsails latter saw 3 sail
Long 26 50

Remarks Saturday Jan 1st 1842
Strong gales and squally weather. midnight the
new year brought a shift of wind to the N. N. W.
Square away and made all sail latter part
saw 3 sail Lat 35.50
Long 25 48

Remarks Sunday Jan 2nd
Fine breezes from N and NNE steering S
latter part calm saw 2 sail - all hands keeping
sabbath Lat 34 18
Long 24 54

Remarks Monday Jan 3rd
Light air from N steering S saw porpoises and
2 sail steering to the S. middle part calm
Spoke a brig bound to Jamaica did not ascertain
her name latter part sent out the Fly Jib boom
Lat 33 41

Remarks Tuesday Jan 4th
Light air and calm fitting rigging saw 2 sail
middle part calm and baffling latter part raring
Lat 33 2
Long 25 12

Remarks Wednesday Jan 5th
Calm and baffling weather with rain squalls
saw one sail middle part a fine breeze from
E steering S saw fin backs
Lat 31 27
Long 25 26



Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean

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Remarks on Thursday January 6th 1862.
Strong winds from S.E. Stearing S. middle part
squally took in J.G. sails and Hly jib. Lat 28 57
Long 26 24

Remarks Friday Jan 7th
Strong winds from E. supposed to be the trades Stearing S
knitting yarns and fitting rigging latter part took the
regular trades made all sail Lat 26 11
Long 23 55

Remarks Saturday Jan 8th
Pleasant trades Stearing S. fitting Scuttle butt and
harness case Lat 23 51
Long 23 21

Remarks Sunday Jan 9th
Stearing S. by W middle part squally took in Fand. shrou
topgallant sails Lat 21 6
Long 23 5

Remarks Monday Jan 10th
Strong trades Stearing S. by W middle part made all
sail fitting rigging Lat 18 17
Long 23 45

Remarks Tuesday Jan 11th
Moderate winds and pleasant Stearing S. by W and S. by W
fitting rigging. 7 A.M. passed St. Nicolas and at San
St.ago bearing S. by W Lat 16 00

Remarks Wednesday Jan 12th
Stearing S. by E. with moderate winds 7 P.M. took in
light sails and hauled up the courses off the lobes
and hauled by the the wind to the E. between Shago
and St. Lago both of them in sight. 6 A.M. made
all sail and steared for Porto Praya arrived off the
bay at 10 A.M. and sent a boat in

Remarks Thursday Jan 13th
Strong trades lying off and on. discharged our passengers
and took off a few swine and oranges at 6 P.M.
squared away S. by E. under reefed top sails for
Cape Horn middle and latter part strong
gales from N.E. people employed in drawing
and knitting yarns Lat 13 5
Long 22 13

Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean

Remarks on Friday January 14th 1862
 Strong gales from NE Steering SE under
 double reefed topsails middle part more moderate
 set topgallant sails and carried them until 7 A.M.
 when the wind increasing took them in. people
 picking bakum
 Lat 10 13 N
 Long 20 46

Remarks Saturday Jan'y 15th
 Stearing SSE 3 PM more moderate set topgallant
 sails. Caught a porpoise middle and latter part
 light wind - rearing mizen topmast rigging
 Lat 7 36

Remarks Sunday Jan'y 16th
 Light air. fitting rigging Stearing SSE latter part
 all hands keeping Sabbath
 Lat 5 57
 Long 18 28

Remarks Monday Jan'y 17th
 Light air from NW 5 PM put off for
 blackfish but did not strike - Stearing SSE
 latter part light air and baffling broke out
 the fore hold for water
 Lat 5 9

Remarks Tuesday Jan'y 18th
 Doldrums - all hands on board exercising
 their fishy propensities latter part light air
 Lat 4 32
 Long 16 58

Remarks Wednesday Jan'y 19th
 Light air and rain Saw two sail. latter part
 all hands employed setting up lower rigging saw
 a killer. calm
 Lat 11 00

Remarks Thursday Jan'y 20th
 Light air from SE fitting rigging saw a sail
 astern. latter part baffling the sail proved to be
 a French bark
 Lat 3 42
 Long 17 50

Remarks Friday Jan'y 21st
 Light air from SE 7 PM squally middle
 and latter part going with the wind SSW
 Stearing ab NW the French bark in sight

Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean

Remarks on Saturday January 22^d 1842
Moderate winds from N.W. and pleasant steering
S.W. 10 P.M. Squally latter part about the same the bark
still in sight set 3 topmast steering sail

Remarks Sunday Jan'y 23^d
Sleds working along to the S as fast as wind and
weather will allow. 7 A.M. put off for blackfish the
waist boat killed and crawled but the Starboard boat
saved him - nearly calm Lat 1 45

Remarks Monday Jan'y 24th
Calm all hands overboard latter part a light breeze
from the S heading up N.W. making mats Lat 1 36



Remarks Tuesday Jan'y 25th
Heading up N.W. with moderate winds 2 A.M.
passed a large topsail schooner latter part holed
out the blackfish and commenced building a new
cabin gangway for 6 sail in sight calm

Remarks Wednesday Jan'y 26th
Light airs and calm heading to the S. 5 sail in
sight. building cabin gangway and making mats Lat 1.1

Remarks Thursday Jan'y 27th
Light airs and calm building after cabin
latter part put off for blackfish but took none
saw 3 or 4 sail one of the we call the Susan Lat 1 00

Remarks Friday Jan'y 28th
Light airs from S heading to the N some rain
building after cabin and gangway latter part about
the same spoke two big Lat 36



Remarks Saturday Jan'y 29th
Calm and rain put off for blackfish but did
not strike latter part pleasant put off one
boat for blackfish but got none Lat B.P.
Long 20 22

Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean Feb 27

Remarks on Sunday January 30th 1842

Calm building forward cabin and gangway 7 P.M.
all hands overboard boarded a Swedish Humaphrodite
Brig bound to Bahia latter part, light air from the
the ship being about as the wind favour 9 sail
in sight Lat 16° South

Remarks Monday Jan 31st

Light air from NW steering S.W. with plenty of
rain 10 A.M. spoke the English ship *Permaide* from
the East Indies for London, and ship *Portland*
from Antwerp for Calcutta, saw also another
India ship steering to the S. light air from the
S.E. heading to the S.W.



Lat 36° S

Remarks Tuesday February 1st 1842

Light air from the S.E. heading to the S.W.
latter part strong S.E. trades steering S.W.
building gangway and removing the old one

Lat 2 1/2

Long 23 1/2

Remarks Wednesday Feb 2nd

Strong trades steering S.W. sunset saw a shoal
of fin backs latter part about the same
Carpenters fitting cabin and sailors
fitting rigging

Lat 1 1/4

Remarks Thursday Feb 3rd

Strong trades steering S.W. latter part
moderate and pleasant all hands
ratting down rigging

Lat 5 55

Remarks Friday Feb 4th

Pleasant trades ratting rigging steering S.W.
latter part ratting and tarring rigging

Lat 8 9

Long 28 20

Remarks Saturday Feb 5th

steering S.W. latter part finished ratting
down rigging strong trades with all sail
out

Lat 10 31

Long 30 1

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Remarks on Sunday February 6th 1862
 Strong trades steering S.W. by W with all sail out
 killed a pig and finished tarring rigging latter part keeping
 Sabbath
 Lat 15 21
 Long 31 29

Remarks Monday Feb'y 7th
 Pleasant trades steering S.W. by S latter part hauled
 the cables on deck and painted the small one 2 or 3 sail
 in sight set the Topmast steering sail
 Lat 15 48
 Long 32 45

Remarks Tuesday Feb'y 8th
 Pleasant wind steering S.W. by S painting chairs middle
 and latter part about the same painted all the blocks
 black
 Lat 18 10
 Long 34 5

Remarks Wednesday Feb'y 9th
 Steering S.W. by S sail in sight middle and
 latter part wind from E.N.E.
 Lat 19 32
 Long 35 5

Remarks Thursday Feb'y 10th
 Pleasant wind from E.N.E steering S.W. by S making
 boat sails and painting boats middle part some
 what squally latter part fine and pleasant
 wind N.E.
 Lat 21 13
 Long 36 12

Remarks Friday Feb'y 11th
 Wind N.E steering S.W making boat sails
 9 A.M put off for whale and at 12 the Starboard
 boat took a large one to the ship and so commenced
 our whaling in  90
 Lat 22 32
 Long 37 30

Remarks Saturday Feb'y 12th
 All hands employed in lashing tackles &c and at 3 P.M
 commenced cutting sunset lashed down for the
 night 2 sail in sight. 5 A.M hooked on and
 at 12 took in the flukes

Remarks Sunday Feb'y 13th
 Hooked on the head and at 6 P.M finished
 cutting heading to the E. 7 commenced boiling
 heading up S.E. & E wind N.E or thereabouts
 saw a brig steering to the S.W latter part
 boiling
 Lat 23 35

Ship American bound to the Pacific Feb

Remarks on Monday February 14th 1842.
Boiling heading up E & E and so continue for these
24 hours Lat 24 1

Remarks Tuesday Feb 15th
Heading up E & S Boiling 3 P.M. were to the W
moderate winds and pleasant weather middle part
cooled down and at 5 commenced boiling again
Lat 23 59

Remarks Wednesday Feb 16th
4 P.M. cooled down at the same time four whales
put off and the Starboard boat struck but he
proved to be a runner took out 3 H. Lines and at
dark cut from him leaving 2 H. fast in
his broadside Stearing E & E for the night
middle and latter part some rain
Lat 24 25

Remarks Thursday Feb 17th
Light airs from the S heading all round the
compass all hands quidding as usual after
a fare of oil middle and latter part evening
with heavy squalls to 1 A.M. squared away S.W.
passed a Portuguese Brig
Lat 24 3

Remarks Friday Feb 18th
Raining tapping winds 7 P.M. strong winds
from S.E. double reefed Stearing S.W. middle
and latter part wind N.E. with plenty of rain
made sail Stearing S.W.


Remarks Saturday Feb 19th
Raining Stearing S.W. latter part strong winds
from N and N.N.E. Lat 26 45

Remarks Sunday Feb 20th
Strong winds from N.N.E. Stearing S.W.
with all sail out latter part nearly
calm Saw several School of Grampasset
Lat 28 18
Long 12 13

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Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean

Remarks on Monday February 27 1842
Calm people in swimming broke off a topmast steering
sail boom, middle and latter part light and
cooped the oil Lat 28.59

Remarks Tuesday Feb 28
Light and put the oil down in the fore hold
saw steam puffed latter part breaking out and steaming
between decks Lat 29.44

Remarks Wednesday Feb 29 Long 45.46
Light and from the A steering S.W. by S. Steaming
between decks saw a ship standing to the E
middle parts heavy rain wind hauled to the
S.E. and so continued for the day found an
increase in the hog pen  Lat 30.25

Remarks Thursday Feb 29 Long 46.51
Moderate winds from S heading up N.W. saw
steam puffed latter part nearly calm fitted a new
Main Top sail Lat 30.13

Remarks Friday Feb 26
Calm fitting turning lathe caught a shark stealing
harm 3 A took a fine breeze from N.E.
Steering S.W. by S made all sail towards midnight
the wind increasing took in light sails at
daylight made all sail with a strong breeze
from the S.E. and rain. 9 A.M. struck by a
heavy squall from S.E. which took the Fore sail
from the yard called all hands and got her
down to close reefed to Top sail where we lay
blowing a severe gale with rain heading up S.W.
at 12 the wind had moderated considerably

Remarks Saturday Feb 26
Steering S.W. by S bent the Fore sail again and set
the Top sails with moderate winds from S during
the night the wind hauled to N.E. at daylight
had all sail on with a fine breeze all hands
settling up rigging and fitting ship for Lake Horn
saw fin backs and steam puffed in great
plenty Lat 33.33

Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean March

Remarks on Sunday February 27th 1842

Light winds from the N and E. Steering S by E. sent a new Main top sail and Foresail say spouts and breaches but could not determine what they were. at 4 P.M. the wind very light from S by E. and so continued for the remainder of this day put off a boat for a sunfish but did not get him

Lat 33 35
Long 50 00

Remarks Monday Feb 28th

Commenced with the wind at S by E gradually hauling to N E. Steering S by W latter part all hands bending a new suit of sail untill 11 A.M. when we saw 3 or 4 shoals of whales which we hauled for a while before 12

Lat 34 55

Remarks Tuesday March 1st 1842

at 10 past 1 P.M. the boats returned on board not having struck blowing heavy & double reefed steering to the N in pursuit of a shoal heavy rain at 5 P.M. were ship steering S by W wind S by E 7 took in the jib the wind still increasing at 11 P.M. hove too under close shrou top sail heading up S by W 7 A.M. set double reefed top sails and Foresail latter part thick and rainy passed a top sail schooner steering to the Eastward

Remarks Wednesday March 2nd

Moderate gales and rainy found the water discoloured midnight wore to the E to keep off the land latter part pleasant gales

Lat 35 55
Long 51 4

Remarks Thursday March 3rd

Strong S gales heading up E by S middle part rather more moderate made some sail latter part about S by S

Lat 36 12
Long 50 5

Remarks Friday March 4th

Moderate winds and heavy swell 7 P.M. wore to N by W latter part calm all hands bending new sails and getting for the stormy coasts

Long 49 50

Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean

Calm all hands fitting ship for the boom. rigged in the Gally jib boom and caught a Sun Fish at 6 A light breeze from N steering S.W. latter part a fine breeze from N.W. saw many grampusses

Lat 37 35
Long 50 30

Remarks Sunday March 6

Steering S.W. moved the Gally aft. saw grampusses at 10 P.M. the wind increasing took in top gallant sails steering S.W. 7 A.M. the wind at P.M. increasing double reefed top sails and took in the jib at 10 lying under close main top sail and Foresail keeping subside at sea

Lat 40 00
Long 52 10

Remarks Monday March 7

Lying too L P.M. heading up the wind moderate from S.W. set reefed top sails main sail and jib latter part light winds

Lat 40 30

Remarks Tuesday March 8

Light winds from the S took in waist boat and the anchor. middle part calmy 8 A.M. put off for whales and so continue in chase

Remarks Wednesday March 9

At 6 P.M. the boat returned on board the Larboard having struck and got a tore and finally drewed from the whale which went the way of all others in like circumstances. middle part calm 6 A.M. saw more whales at 8 put off and so ended in chase

Lat 41 10
Long 53 40

Remarks Thursday March 10

Light air at 3 P.M. the Larboard boat took a large whale alongside hooked on and at 7 dashed down for the night latter part strong gale from N and very ragged hooked on and took in the body

Lat 41 30

Remarks Friday March 11

Took in the junk and lost the cable by the chain tearing out heading N.S.W. for the slight boiling with strong winds latter part thick and some rain

Remarks Saturday March 12

Boiling middle part rainy coored down at midnight began boiling again and so continue

Lat 43 13

Ship American bound to the Pacific

Remarks on Sunday March 15th 1842
Boiling blowing a gale from S.W. with rain
lying under close reefed Main Topsail at 9 A.M.
the ship rolling heavy took away the starboard
boat and one davit at 9 A.M. finished boiling
the body and cooled down & took in the
brist boat

Remarks Monday March 16th
Heaving up a S.E. in a strong S.W. gale with
a large junk on deck middle part more moderate
6 A.M. commenced boiling again and so continued
Lat 43 49
Long 52 50

Remarks Tuesday March 17th
Light wind from S.W. boiling & in cooled down
and made sail steering S.W. wind S.W. increasing
at 7 under close Main Topsail and Foresail with
a heavy swell on latter part made some sail
smoky overhead
Lat 44 24

Remarks Wednesday March 18th
Calm and smoky with heavy swell from N.W. & A.M.
a light wind from N.W. gradually increasing
all hands expunging oil and striking it down
the main hatchway
Lat 45 18
Long 55 50

Remarks Thursday March 19th
Strong winds from N.W. steering S.W. the
weather thick and smoky put the oil down
the main hold and slowed off for Cape
Horn middle part moderate latter
put an old boat over the side and took
in the starboard Calm saw a lot of
finbacks
Lat 46 18
Long 55 15

Remarks Friday March 20th
Calon sent down Hand Main Royal mast
and Hand Men up gallant yards & P.M.
a breeze from N. steering N.W. with all
sail at 3 A.M. a strong gale double reefed
topsails and took in Main sail latter part more
moderate the wind hauling to S.W.
Lat 46 43
Long 58 13

Wh. Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean

Remarks Saturday March 19th 1842
 Strong winds from N steering to the SSW under double
 reefed topails middle part steering S 1/4 E with
 all sail out and a heavy head beat sea on

Lat 47 45
 Long 60 9

Remarks Sunday March 20th

Strong westerly winds and heavy swell heading up
 SSW during the night the wind abating and
 hauling to the N daylight found as with the
 fore topmast steering sail out steering S 1/4 W the
 wind picking on at 10 A.M. commenced taking in
 sail and at 12 we had a close reefed main topmast
 and reefed fore sail on in Lat 48 10

Long 62 50

Remarks Monday March 21st

Heavy gales from N steering S W at 6 P.M. the
 wind about N S W blowing heavy the ship heading
 up S middle part moderate but daylight made
 all sail with little on no wind lost the
 letters

Lat 49 50
 Long 63 16

Remarks Tuesday March 22nd

Calm 4 P.M. a fine breeze from N N W steering
 S 1/4 E all the day calm

Lat 50 50
 Long 64 45

Remarks Wednesday March 23rd

Calm and so continued untill 10 A.M. when a light
 breeze sprung up from the N N E

Lat 51 56

Remarks Thursday March 24th

Light winds from N steering S E S. with the 3 Topmast
 steering sail out middle part about the same the
 wind gradually increasing at 8 A.M. thick and
 foggy commenced taking in sail and at 12 A.M.
 took in the mainsail and double reefed the main
 topsail steering S E with strong gales and a
 heavy sea on

Lat 55 55

Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean March

Remarks Friday March 25. 1842

Steering S E with the wind from N N W thick and foggy at 1 P.M. found ourselves in a strong current by 1 saw the land and breasted ahead about 2 miles distant. hauled up and crowded sail to the N E at 3 P.M. kept off S E thick fog at 4 P.M. squared away S E while in the act saw breakers close under the lee hauled up again steering N E suppose ourselves about in the middle of Staten Land by the reef of rocks at 7 P.M. blowing heavy took in the mainsail - The current seen this forenoon must have come through le Maire and the first land the W end of Staten Island - at midnight nearly calm the wind hauling round to the W and at 3 A.M. wind heading to the E. 7 A.M. light winds from E tacked ship steering S and made sail as fast as necessary Lat 54 52

Remarks Saturday March 26

Light winds from E steering S middle part light rain saw the E end of Staten Land to the W of us at 6 A.M. the wind about W having gradually hauled to the N during the night still thick and foggy steering to the S 10 A.M. clear sky Lat 55 55

Remarks Sunday March 27.

Steering S and S W 3 P.M. squally double reefed and took out the sail as usual in such cases. middle part wind N N W steering S W made sail saw a ship steering E. latter part strong winds from N double reefed Lat 57 4

Remarks Monday Monday 28

Heading along S W strong gales and heavy squalls middle and latter part heading up S W Lat 57 40

1842 Ship American bound to the Pacific Ocean

Remarks on Tuesday March 29th 1842
 Strong gales from NW heading up to the SSW and
 S.W. with heavy squalls and occasionally some
 hail and snow all these 24 hours


Remarks Wednesday March 30th Lat 58 15
 Strong westerly gales heading to the S.W. S.W.
 middle part light winds varying from S.W.
 to N.W. were ship occasionally the head as near
 was convenient. At N made all sail

Remarks Thursday March 31st Lat 58 34
 Long 66 00
 Wind supported 1st to the E.
 Moderate winds from N.W. heading N.W.
 to double reefed every middle and latter part
 heading up N.W.

Remarks Friday April 1st 1842
 Steaming N.W. S.W. wind headed to S.W. were to
 the N.W. and so we go first on one tack and then
 on the other sometimes fore too and then again
 going under reefed topsails doing our best to get
 around Cape Horn with plenty of snow and hail
 Lat 58 2
 Long 69 2

Remarks Saturday April 2nd
 Strong westerly gales heading N.W. 7 P.M. were S.
 middle part calm to A.M. took a course from S.E. with
 snow and rain made all sail steering N

Remarks Monday April 3rd
 Wind at S with rain steering N.W. S. & P. clear
 with strong winds from S.E. and E.S.E. and so
 continued all these 24 hours Lat 55.50
 Long 77.30

Remarks Tuesday April 4th
 Strong winds from E.S.E. steering N.W. S.W.
 latter part light winds Lat 53 27
 Caught a  *Salpoise* Long 78 35

Ship American on the coast of Patagonia April

Remarks on Wednesday April 6th 1842
 Light winds from S.W. Stearing N.W. by N. 4 P.M.
 saw a whale close aboard the ship put off 2 boats
 but too near night to do anything. Sent up fore top
 gallant yard and set the sail. middle part saw
 Blackfish. latter part saw Right whale and a
 ship
 Lat 51 15
 Long 78.1

Remarks Thursday April 7th
 Strong winds from S.W. heading up N. by N
 2 P.M. double reefed Top sails saw a ship bound N.
 and one heading to the S. saw also Right whales
 but we do not want them yet, awhile thank fortune
 middle and latter part heading up N.W.
 with strong gales and drier weather close reefed
 one English bark to leeward
 Lat 49 15
 Lon 77 30

Remarks Friday April 8th
 Heading up N.W. and N.W. by N. set a reef out
 of each top sail middle and latter part about
 the same the bark in sight

Remarks Saturday April 9th
 Heading up N.W. by N. 6 P.M. supposing ourselves
 near the land took off S.W. 3 at 11 tack in N
 and so we go latter part making a davit for
 the Starboard boat

Remarks Sunday April 10th

Having every appearance of a gale coming on put
 her under close reefed Main Top sail and Foremast
 staysail and set her mull at that at 7 P.M.
 Gave winged the Main Top sail 4 A.M. more moderate
 set the Main Mizzen Top sail 7 A.M. set double
 reefed Top sails and courses having worn ship to
 the N.W.
 Lat 47 8
 Long 76 48

Ship American on the coast of Chili April

Remarks on Tuesday April 19th 1842

Light winds from SW steering S. N. E. at 5th topmast
steering sail finished the boat and put her overboard
middle part calm. 8 A.M. light air put off for whales
and at 11th the waist boat took one to the ship the
starboard stove above water and the starboard struck and
drawed from two out of sight of the ship. Lat 50 54

Remarks Wednesday April 20th 40

Hooked on and at 6th finished cutting heading up SW
midnight strong winds from NW double reefed and
commenced boiling. 3 took in F and M top sail 7 A.M.
were to NE with strong gales and a heavy sea
spoke a Chilean brig bound to Chiloe Lat 41 6

Remarks Thursday April 21st

Strong gales boiling 4 P.M. close reefed the main
top sail midnight raining cold down the works
and lay with strong gales and a heavy sea
on

Remarks Friday April 22nd

Strong gales from N. E. P.M. were ship to the
W. 6 A.M. set double reefed top sails and were to
the NE. with a heavy swell saw a Chilean
cutter bound to the N. 10 A.M. commenced
boiling

Remarks Saturday April 23rd

Calm and, fairing 4 P.M. cooled down waiting
for weather. 10 clear and, pleasant, commenced
boiling again. 11 saw the land and were off W. 12
8 were in shore 10 A.M. cooled down and washed
off repaired the starboard boat Lat 41 23

Land dist 25 miles

Remarks Sunday April 24th

Light air made all sail 3 P.M. were off W.
the land 15 miles distant saw the main part middle
part strong winds took in top sails 8 A.M. double
reefed top sails with strong N winds heading
up W. 10 the land in sight all day Lat 41 19

1842 Ship American on the coast of Chile

Remarks on Monday April 25 1842

Strong winds from N heading up NW middle part calm and rainy to 4 PM strong winds from NE under whole topsails the wind increasing at 12 we lay under close reefed main topsail in a severe gale from N
Lat 40 45

Remarks Tuesday Apr 26

at 2 PM more moderate set double reefed topsail and foresail heading up NW passing squalls of rain & the wind suddenly hauled to S blowing heavy took in the main topsail and squared away
at 3 PM I saw a ship astern turned out rudd and at 3 set the main top gallant sail latter part moderate and pleasant made all sail steering N
Lat 39 4
Long 76 00

Remarks Wednesday April 27

Moderate winds from N steering N the ship in sight on the quarter latter part steering NNE put the anchors on the bow
Lat 37 53

Remarks Thursday April 28

Light airs from SW steering NNE coaling again painting boat and quidding latter part saw the land to the S of the St Maria Islands and 2 ships Lat 37 6

Remarks Friday April 29

Light winds from SW steering NE & N by P.M. St Maria bore E NE 24 miles dist. 11 passed the point at daylight passed the point of Quiriquena and 1/2 past 1 P.M. came to anchor off the town of Talcahuano found here the Schooner Janet 23 mo 1200 - Susan 5 mo 800 - Congress 32 mo 1300 - Sizington 20 mo 1300 Alexander Barclay 4 mo from Bremen for the NW coast no oil - bark Oraco 10 mo 800 and several merchant ships and brigs at 4 P.M. the Mary Atkins 15 mo out 300 came too and rounded gunning

Remarks Saturday April 30

All hands employed in cleaning and painting ship on the outside



Ship American Baying in Calcahuano

May

Remarks on Sunday May 1st 1842All hands on Liberty 4 P M arrived, bark (Master of Palm)
31 mo out No light winds from the NRemarks Monday May 2nd

Light airs from the N. 3 men on Liberty. The signaller painting ship outside took the ship in near the shore

Remarks Tuesday May 3rd

Calm starboard watch on Liberty finished painting

Remarks Wednesday May 4thStarboard watch at work, the starboard on board quiddy
6 P M wind S and thick fogRemarks Thursday May 5thLight winds from the S commenced stowing
down oil on the larboard side of the S. Backway
aft - 6 P M a bark in sight off the islandRemarks Friday May 6thStowing oil - light winds from the S. 10 A M
arrived bark (Maides of Wauham) fully 20 mo out Whale oil
dotted port sailed ship St. Barclay and SusanRemarks Saturday May 7th

Stowing oil - light winds and pleasant weather

Remarks Sunday May 8thAll hands on Liberty mistmending the sabbath
as usualRemarks Monday May 9thAll hands on board, stowing oil and cooping
Bread finished the oil Stowed 200 bblsRemarks Tuesday May 10thBreaking out for shock heads hoops &c
3 men on Liberty a ship in sight off the island
light winds all these 24 hours from S MRemarks Wednesday May 11thGot off 10 casks of water and stowed it away
one ship coming up

1842 Ship American Sailing in Talcahuano

Remarks Thursday May 12th 1842

Light air from the N and thick fog 9 A.M. arrived
Ship Canton Leary 42^{mo} from N Bedford 2500 or 2600
bound home - moderate winds & watch ashore
the other filling water sunset strong gales from
the N sent no boat in the water ashore all night
and so ends with thick fog and rain

Remarks Friday May 13th

Strong N gale sent a boat in and got the Liberty
men - one brig nearly on the reef with boats from
other ships around her after a while succeeded in
hedging off middle part moderate and finally
ended in a calm with fog



Remarks Saturday May 14th

Fine weather and light winds from S took off a raft
of water and stowed it found one cash stole from the
beach - took off 34 bls of Potatoes - the Libboard watch
on Liberty

Remarks Sunday May 15th

Light air from the S 7 A.M. sailed ship Floremonk
for a cruise & found hauled to N and commenced
blowing all the Starboard water except myself
missing the Sabbath ashore at sunset blowing
strong from N went in with a boat and brought
off one man the remainder still ashore

Remarks Monday May 16th

Strong gales from the N to A.M. left go the
small bower under foot for a purveyor. the water
still on shore - no boat lowered from this ship today

Remarks Tuesday May 17th

Moderate winds from the W took off our men and
hove up the small anchor Starboard watch on Liberty
for 24 hours

Remarks Wednesday May 18th

Light winds from the N tied up the coys and
gave him 8 lashes for giving sauce - took off beets
onions wood turkeys and cabbages sunset quite
a strong breeze from the N also took off a
small raft of water.

Ship American in Balcahuano

May

Remarks on Thursday May 19th 1842
Strong winds from W with some rain sunset
calm

Remarks Friday May 20th
Light air from the S. sailed ship Mary, Draco and
Reaper took off a few potatoes and 2 casks of water
sunset 2 ships and a brig coming in

Remarks Saturday May 21st
Light winds from the S. sailed ship Congress-
arrived ship Daniel Webster 42 ms from Wantuckit
2000 bbls and bark Symona 4 ms 200 bbls



Remarks Sunday May 22nd
Light S winds Starboard watch on Liberty

Remarks Monday May 23rd
Strong winds from S. arrived ship Jane of Warren
and a French whaler the Grotto of Fear



Remarks Tuesday May 24th
All hands breaking out oil to land some by the
Daniel Webster wind from the S. sailed ship
Bedington

Remarks Wednesday May 25th
Strong winds from the W and N with some rain
all hands idle the steamboat arrived

Remarks Thursday May 26th
Light winds from the W and S Starboard
watch ashore on Liberty some little rain and
drizzle

Remarks Friday May 27th
Light air sent 600 bbls of oil on board of the
Daniel Webster and stowed off the hold

Remarks Saturday May 28th
Loaded the sails and gave short but having no
wind at 4 P.M. furled sails and payed out
30 fms of chain 12 months ago and were well
off arrived from a 55 months voyage for
which I did not get thank ye

1842 Ship American bound down the coast from Valparaiso

Remarks on Sunday May 29th 1842

Moderate winds from N with light rain and drizzle
all hands keeping Sabbath on board ship, waiting for a
wind to proceed to sea

Remarks Monday May 30th

Moderate winds from the N with rain & P. M. light
air from S. Sailed the steamboat

Remarks Tuesday May 31st my reckoning

Staid ashore all night and lost one day in
light air from S at daylight got under way in co with
the Canton and stood down the bay 10 A.M. sent a boat
ashore at Quiriquena for tone - it returned on board
and squared away for a cruise steering N.W.

Remarks Wednesday June 2nd 1842

Light winds from S steering N.W. the Canton nearly
out of sight bound home saw a ~~whaler~~ whaler bound in
all hands stowing anchors and chains the whaler
supposed to be the Virginia middle part calm, latter
part a moderate wind from N heaving to the N.W.
steering hump back tone 11 A.M. took in S. Sails
Lat 35.46

Remarks Thursday June 3rd

Strong winds from N & P. M. double reefed - &
took in Main Sail and Gib - This day we are to go
out and I am 26 years of age. P. M. wind N.W.
more ship steering N.W. but latter part made some sail
with a strong gale from S saw a merchant bark
bound to the N. M. M. M. down with the toothacle
Lat 34.45

Remarks Friday June 4th

Strong gales from S steering N.W. & N. middle part
passed a strange bark latter part strong gale from S.E.
Lat 32.5

Remarks Sunday June 5th

Strong gale from S.E. steering N.W. & N. P. M. steering
N.W. and so we go for all these 24 hours

Lat 29.20

Ship American bound down the coast

Remarks on Monday June 6th 1842
Strong gales from S.E. steering N.W. with thick clouds
overhead middle and latter part about the same
fitting M. Royal yard Lat 21 45
Long 82.4

Remarks Tuesday June 7th
Moderate wind from S.E. steering N.W. latter part
fitting cutting gear

Remarks Wednesday June 8th
Strong trades steering N.W. fitting cutting
gear latter part stripped the gibboom and jibed a
band to it Lat 21 45
Long 82.4

Remarks Thursday June 9th
Fitting gibboom steering N. struck 2 porpoises
this morning but did not save them. 5 P.M. took a
reef in the Topsails latter part steering N.E.
Lat 19.15

Remarks Friday June 10th
Strong trades steering N.E. 5 hauled up
N.E. cloudy overhead Saw a fin back

Remarks Saturday June 11th
Strong trades steering N.E. Saw plenty of Fin backs
too cold and blowy to do anything so have to quiddle

Remarks Sunday June 12th
Strong trades steering N.E. sent up the
Main royal yard saw finbacks latter part 3 ships
in sight also saw the land Lat 14 53

Remarks Monday June 13th
Strong trades heading in N.E. at 1 P.M. spoke
the Eagle, Coffin 31 mo from N Bedford 1200-
Saw a ship to the seaward whaling, ran down and
up at 2 spoke the Hope 24 mo from
N Bedford 1350 just hauling 3 small whales
alongside remainder of the day gumming 9 P.M. were
off S.W. gumming with the Eagle 6 P.M. were making
the land in sight picking up gum and making
canboose cover - R the land about 20 miles dist
Lat 14.29



1842 Ship American cruising in 14 P

29

Remarks on Tuesday June 14th 1842

Moderate winds heading in 2 P.M. the land about 6 miles distant squared away A.M. and ran until 5 then hauled off M.B. under easy sail gamming with the Eagle latter part light winds made all sail saw some breaches but could not tell what they were

Lat 14 53

Remarks Wednesday June 15th

Light air saw Killers gamming with the Eagle at 3 A.M. parted company and were inshore latter part calm sent out the fly jib boom and lowered for a sword fish but did not catch him

Remarks Thursday June 16th

Light air heading in backing anchor and making a hopper shortened sail at night latter part repairing old sails & took off M the land 5 miles distant

Lat 13 50

Remarks Friday June 17th

Proceeded off repairing sails broke out the after hold latter part gamming with the Eagle saw Humpbacks and porpoises

Remarks Saturday June 18th

Fresh trade heading off saw Humpbacks sent the old mizen topsail gamming latter part broke out for water put off for a swordfish but did not strike repairing sails & took in with strong winds

Remarks Sunday June 19th

Strong winds heading in 6 P.M. double reefed and took in jib and mainsail latter part strong gale

Lat 15 23

Remarks Monday June 20th

Proceeded in saw Blackfish and a sail toeward latter part repairing sails

Lat 16 53

Remarks Tuesday June 21st

Proceeded in & spoke ship Anabella 8 m from Sagharbour strong gale 9 P.M. wore off 6 A.M. wore in mending sails



Ship American Cruising in 14 June

Remarks on Wednesday June 22 1842
 Heading in with moderate winds repairing sails
 latter part turned out reef and set the 1st G. sail
 & took off the land 10 miles dist saw Stampacks
 Lat 14 00

Remarks Thursday June 23^d
 Strong winds heading off shifted the fore and main
 topails - 6 P.M. double reefed. 8 A.M. wore in off
 & put off for Blackish brought one to the ship and
 then lost him - making boat gripped

Remarks Friday June 24th
 Heading in - 6 wore off. 7 A.M. wore in
 with strong winds - making boat mad and
 turning Lat 14 27

Remarks Saturday June 25th
 Heading in with strong trades 7 wore off.
 7 A.M. wore in shore. Lat 14 33

Remarks Sunday June 26th
 Heading in at 11 P.M. saw a very large shoal
 Y Whales of whales to windward going eyes out the land
 about 25 miles dist made some sail in chase
 but at 3 they were out of sight at 6 P.M. took
 in sail and wore off 11 P.M. - 7 A.M. wore in
 and made some sail saw a merchant Brig.
 beating up the coast - 12 wore off 1 P.M.

Remarks Monday June 27th
 strong trades heading off - sunset quite moderate
 latter part heading in with light winds making
 bangs and a funnel for the galley saw a ship
 to leeward - passing squalls of drizzle Lat 14 58



Remarks Tuesday June 28th
 Heading in saw a seal among all the remarks
 incidents 10 wore off with light winds 7 A.M. wore
 in saw a schooner and ship to leeward

The Ship American cruising in N S

Remarks on Wednesday June 29th 1842
 Heading in quidding 2 P.M. the land 25 miles distant
 were off 5 spoke the Eagle having taken nothing, 6 were
 inshore gamming and made all sail. Lat 44 45

Remarks Thursday June 30th 1842
 5 P.M. tacke off with strong winds gamming, 6 P.M.
 shortened sail latter part heading in

Remarks Friday July 1st 1842
 Heading in 7 were off gamming saw the Hope
 steering to the NW laid aback heading off
 for the night latter part strong winds spoke
 Bark Fellows 6 mo⁷⁰⁴⁸ from Stonington the Eagle
 in sight Lat 45 12

Remarks Saturday July 2nd 1842
 Heading off 3 P.M. put off for blackfish
 and took 3 of them 7 were off NW with strong
 winds and some drizzle latter part made Nacca
 saw 5 ships 70 were off   Lat 45 7

Remarks Sunday July 3rd 1842
 moderate winds 2 P.M. were inshore 5 spoke the
 Rose 3/4 mo out 150 - Lenox Coffin 25 mo 2400
 and Martha 11 mo 400, 10 were off NW latter part
 saw Blackfish and pinbacks Lat 45 30

Remarks Monday July 4th 1842
 2 P.M. were inshore at sunset shortened sail 9 A.M.
 squared away NW and so we go keeping the 4th of
 July in a far different manner from the last

Remarks Tuesday July 5th 1842
 at 1 P.M. hauled by the wind heading off 3 A.M.
 spoke bark Bramin Taber 6 mo out 100 1/2 latter
 part boiled the blackfish and put off for more
 but got none 12 squared away NW

Remarks Wednesday July 6th 1842
 3 P.M. commenced a gam which lasted until
 3 A.M. with the Eagle Martha and Bramin
 latter part standing inshore Lat 45 30



Rip American working down from 14 July

Remarks Thursday July 7th 1842

Spoke the Mary Athol 400 gamming until 1 P.M. with her the Martha and Eagle latter part Stearing N.W. fitting rigging



Remarks Friday July 8th

Pleasant Stearing N.W. to the shore the Mechanic Fisher of St John cutting a small whale the Hope in co having picked up a noble dead whale the Eagle in co gamming latter part Stearing to the N.W. Saw plenty of breasted finbacks



Remarks Saturday July 9th

Moderate and pleasant Stearing to the N.W. to shore the Eagle and Ray slack for the night latter part Stearing to the N.W. Saw finbacks and blackfish in abundance



Remarks Sunday July 10th

Light winds the land in sight Sunset. Hauled aback headed off gamming with the Eagle latter part light air and calm gamming

Remarks Monday July 11th

Light air heading to the N.W. gamming put off for blackfish but took none. middle and latter parts Stearing N.W. repairing sails

Remarks Tuesday July 12th

Stearing N.W. shifted the mainsail latter part Stearing & fitting rigging and fly jib Saw Humpbacks breaching

Remarks Wednesday July 13th

Stearing N 10 P.M. kept off N.W. to shore at daylight hauled in N and N.E. thick and foggy 10 Saw the land stood in within 2 or 3 miles of the breakers and they ran along down the coast looking into the bays as we passed

Ship American Cruising in S P

Remarks on Thursday July 14th 1842
 S & S F. hauled up by the wind middle and
 latter part steering W

Friday July 15th
 Heading off S W & P. h. shortened sail as usual
 and double reefed latter part steering W and
 NW NW Lat 10 10
 Long 82 00

Saturday July 16th
 Strong trades steering NW NW & P. h. hauled
 up the courses and luffed too heading off S W
 latter part steering NW Lat 9 36

Sunday July 17th
 Strong trades steering W NW & hauled up heading
 in E NE latter part steering NW saw blackfish
 Lat 8 33

Monday July 18th
 Strong winds steering NW all these 24 hours and
 on the latter part saw finbacks plenty also turned
 out reef

Tuesday July 19th
 Now round steering N E - hauled by the wind
 heading up S W - latter part steering W with light
 winds and heavy swell - bent the fly gib
 Lat 6 30

Wednesday July 20th
 Steering NW & hauled by the wind heading off under
 short sail saw finbacks and blackfish.

Thursday July 21st
 Steering NW & hauled up heading in latter part
 steering E NE Lat 6 45
 Long 85 55

Friday July 22nd
 Steering E NE & hauled up off shore & A. h. saw
 2 large whales going to windward wind light at 8 put
 off for them and at 12 the boats were 10 miles to
 windward of the ship and the whales 8 miles
 from the boats - set our sails and steamed for the
 ship the wind increasing & so ends one ship in sight

Ship American cruising in 6th JulyRemarks on Saturday July 23rd 1842

At 1 P.M. the boats returned on board heading off
saw a ship whaling & shortened sail & took in with
strong breeze. At 4 P.M. took off 7 square away before the
wind and at 10 spoke the "Sabbie" Chace 24 mo from
Nantucket 1400 cettings & whales. 12 filled away
heading off NW

Sunday July 24th

Heading off at 4 saw whales to windward just before
sunset put off but did not get on heading in ENE
3 A.M. wore off and so kept going all these 24 hours

Monday July 25th

Heading off at 5 wore in ENE & spoke the Mary
having taken a boll whale since we saw her
also saw the 'Sabbie' to leeward boiling heading
in for the night latter part saw the 'Rose'
Lat 6 1/2

Tuesday July 26th

Steering NE with all sail out sunset shortened
sail as usual. 6 A.M. wore round steering W

Lat 6 26
Long 86 34

Wednesday July 27th

Steering W painted lower mast & put off for
blackfish the starboard boat took a large one
alongside at 4. & shortened sail heading off
by the wind latter part steering W saw
3 ships and a lot of fimbals Lat 6 23

Thursday July 28th

Steering W & shortened sail and hauled
off by the wind latter part steering W saw
plenty of Blackfish

Lat 6 30
Long 89 30

Friday July 29th

Steering W & put off for blackfish and at
7 P.M. the starboard boat took a very large one to the ship
heading off for the night & 3 A.M. wore in shore
with strong trades boiled out the blackfishes

Lat 6 40
Long 88 51



The Ship American Cruising in L.P.

Remarks on Saturday July 30th 1842

Heading in E.N.E. 6 A.M. were off S.W. passing squalls
saw Blackfish and fin backs plenty

Sunday July 31st

Strong trades heading off E. A.M. were in shore
and so continue going all this 24 hours in

Lat of 6.55 and

Long of 88.45

Monday August 1st 42

Heading in E.N.E. nothing in sight save the 4
element - 6 A.M. commenced heaving out the after
hold to cooping the provision 10th put off for a shoal
of whales the waist boat struck and cut the line
with the lance so he was O.P. He yonder as
usual

Tuesday Aug 2nd

2 P.M. the boats returned on board heading in
stowing down provision latter part heading off finished
cooping and stowing the after hold

Lat 5.55

Long 87.31

Wednesday Aug 3rd

Heading off 4th saw a shoal of whales put off and a
little after sunset the starboard boat struck and
drew in came on board heading in E. A.M. were
off S.W. latter part the starboard boat took a blackfish
repairing an old boat - saw a ship

Lat 5.45

Thursday Aug 4th

Heading off S.W. 4 put off for a line whale. 7 came
on board without him as usual heading off E. A.M.
hauled aback at 6 stood to the S.W. and so we go
repairing an old boat

Lat 6.39

Long 87.50

Friday Aug 5th

Heading off 3 put off for a whale and at 6 the waist
boat took a large one to the ship. 31 minutes from
the time he was struck he was a corpse. have run whale
4 days in succession. at daylight commenced cutting
and so continue saw fin backs and blackfish



Saturday Aug 6th

Finished cutting heading off boiling latter part
were in shore boiling

Lat 6.25

Long 88.58

Ship (American) cruising in S I

Aug

Remarks on Sunday August 7th 1862

Heading in E. N. E. boiling 8 A.M. wore off S.W.
saw blackfish and fin backs

Monday Aug 8th

Heading off boiling saw a ship to windward wind
very light 5 P.M. wore inshore and at 9 cooled down
the works 7 A.M. wore off S.W.

Lat 6 56
Long 88 39

Tuesday Aug 9th

Heading off spoke the Fabius having taken a 20 lb
whale since we saw her. heading in for the night
latter part cooping with strong breeze the Fabius
in sight to windward

Lat 6 33
Long 88 30

Wednesday Aug 10

Heading in with strong trades and passing
saw a 1 A.M. wore off heading up S. E. commencing
breaking out the main hold to stow oil at 8
saw a lone whale the Fabius to windward 9 saw
a shoal of whales at 10 1/2 put off for them and so
ends with 2 boats fast

Thursday Aug 11th

At 1 P.M. the starboard boat took a large whale to
the ship and soon after the larboard boat took a
cow alongside - tumbled the things down the main
hatchway and hooked on to the small whale by
6 P.M. had him all in took in sail and lay by for
the night the Fabius gone off S.W. in pursuit of the
shoal. latter part cutting the large whale the S. in
sight to windward



Lat 6 17

Friday Aug 12

At 8 P.M. finished cutting heading in boiling
and so continue all these 24 hours in Lat 6 1

Saturday Aug 13

Heading in boiling 11 A.M. wore off S.W. 12 spoke
the Naragansett of mo out 7 50

Sunday Aug 14

Heading off boiling and passing with the S.
to 1 A.M. wore in and at 12 cooled down the works
an increase of 5 young swine



1842 Ship American cruising in L P

Remarks on Monday August 15th 1842

Strong wind heading in E. N. E. 1 A M wore off.
P M 6 commenced stowing oil down the main
hatchway starboard side saw breaches and ran
off for them but could make out nothing saw
also a ship to leeward Lat 6 25

Tuesday Aug 16th

Heading off with strong winds stowing oil
latter part about the same squally

Wednesday Aug 17th

Ran wore inshore with strong gales and squally
weather sunset finished stowing oil latter part
stowing off the fore and after hatchways and cleaning
ship

First whale	85	Lat 6 42
Second whale	95	Long 88 40
Third whale	20	
Total	200 bls	

200 stowed in Talcahuano

Thursday Aug 18th

Heading in E. N. E. all the fore hours with nothing of
any consequence to be seen Lat 6 7

Friday Aug 19th

Heading in N. E. 6 A M moderate wore off and made
sail saw a ship far away to leeward

Saturday Aug 20th

Heading off P M at 7 A M double reefed top
6 A M wore in shore saw a ship 11 wore off the Fabius to
windward of us

Long 88 50

Sunday Aug 21st

6 P M spoke the Fabius 6 wore in E. N. E. latter
part steering N. E. the F in sight to windward
Lat 6 19

Monday Aug 22nd

Heading in with strong winds the F in sight
latter part building a new vice bench
Lat 6 30

Ship American Cruising in S Aug

Remarks on Wednesday, August 23rd 1842
 At 1 P.M. spoke the Narragansett 9th mo out 500
 having taken 50 bls since we saw her - also the
 bark Bramin 8th mo out 100 having picked up a
 small dead whale since we saw her latter part
 heading off to tack in 2 ships in sight Lat 6 14 S
 Long 87 45 W



Thursday Aug 24th

Heading in E N E at 6 P.M. took in topgallant sails
 and reefed the fore and main topsails quite moderate
 7 A.M. tack off saw her 3 ships

Friday Aug 25th

Heading off 1 P.M. spoke the Fabius and Patagonia^{set}
 and had a gam 10 were in shore - 9 A.M. spoke
 the Congress (Citman 36, mo out 1450 - saw the
 Amazon to windward - so ended heading in shore
 in chase of the Fabius

Saturday Aug 26th

Heading in gamming with the Congress
 and Fabius - 10 were off 1 P.M. latter part
 strong winds steering off W saw 4 ships
 Lat 5 47



Sunday Aug 27th

Heading W 4 P.M. hauled off 1/2 W 6 double
 reefed the main topsail middle and latter
 parts strong galls
 Long 88 20

Monday Aug 28th

Heading off 6 took in the main topsail with
 strong galls 6 A.M. were in shore latter
 part strong galls set when topsail Lat 7 15
 Long 89 50

Tuesday Aug 29th

Heading in N E rather more moderate
 with a very heavy swell on nothing in
 sight
 Lat 6 24
 Long 88 43

Wednesday Aug 30th

Heading in N E latter part quite moderate

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1842 Ship American Cruising in S.P.

Remarks on Wednesday August 31- 1842
Heaving in S & E P.M. wore off P.M. ship to
leeward of us. latter part set the mainsail

Thursday September 1st 1842
Heaving off. Saw a bark to windward, find whales
very scarce excepting the fin back species and they
are always plenty. latter part wore in S & E latter
part about 20 to 20.

Friday Sept 2nd
Heaving in S & E nothing in sight dry dry dry times
6 A.M. ship astern cutting and another ahead
stowing down while we are betwixt and between
sailed to spoke the Hope Bk from N.B. 11:50 stowing down
Saw also a bark - 11 wore off S.M. - in back plenty

Saturday Sept 3rd
Heaving off 6 P.M. double reefed and wore in shore
6 A.M. wore off, 9 passed the Hope stowing and
Farragansett boiling oil
Lat 6 6
Long 18 20

Sunday Sept 4th
Saw finback and blackfish plenty 6 P.M. wore
in shore latter part saw the Robin - Lat 6 15

Monday Sept 5th
6 P.M. spoke the Gansett so bld better than the last
time heaving in - 6 A.M. wore off S.M. broke out
between decks Saw 3 ships

Tuesday Sept 6th
Heaving off with strong gales 6 double reefed
and wore in middle part. Squally 9 A.M. passed
the Amazon.
Lat 6
Long 17

Wednesday Sept 7th
6 P.M. wore off S.M. latter part moderate
Lat 6 22
Long 17 45

Thursday Sept 8th
Came in and hauled aboard latter part
heaving in one ship in sight

Ship American Cruising in S. D. Sept

Re-arranged on Friday September 9th 1842
 Heading in S. D. & building a large latter part
 saw 4 blackbacks and first 11 were Dat 5 50
 off 11 M

Saturday Sept 10th
 Heading off S. D. & 11 were in altered the
 Spanker boom Dat 5 57

Sunday Sept 11th
 Heading in S. D. & were round steering off N. D.
 saw the Tanagansett to leeward Dat 6 25
 Long 87 15

Monday Sept 12th
 S. D. & hauled by the wind heading off. and so
 continue all these 24 hours with nothing in sight
 Dat 6 24
 Long 88 37

Tuesday Sept 13th
 Moderate and pleasant heading off.
 Dat 6 33
 Long 88 36

Wednesday Sept 14th
 S. D. & were in quidding as usual latter part
 worked a little on the rigging - cleaned the masts
 and quiddled a little which finishes the day
 saw Blackfish Dat 6 00
 Long 87 45

Thursday Sept 15th
 Light winds and pleasant weather heading in
 S. D. & all these 24 hours Blackfish and porpoises
 in great plenty.

Friday Sept 16th
 Heading in fog and misty weather nearly
 calm

Saturday Sept 17th Long 86 20
 Light air S. D. & were off S. D. & latter part
 Strong wind Dat 5 37
 Long 87 46

Sunday Sept 18th
 Strong winds heading off fitted a waist pump
 saw a ship to windward cutting S. D. & saw
 whales but too far to windward to lower at 9th
 lost sight of them heading in Dat 5 21

1812 Ship American Cruising in 6D

42

X Remarks on Monday Sept 19th 1812
at 1 P.M. saw whales to windward also the Gannett
boiling & put off 6 boats the whales 5 miles to
windward & returned on board not having struck
heading in gamming with the ~~the~~ took a 20
bl whale yesterday latter part calm wore off P.M.
saw blackfish and fin backs Lat 5 46

Tuesday Sept 20th
nearly calm, 6 wore inshore latter part saw fin backs
and blackfish also one sail Lat 5 54

Wednesday Sept 21st
light winds 6 P.M. wore off P.M. latter part passed
the Gannett - unrigged the waist pump

Thursday Sept 22nd
moderate winds heading off P.M. 6 A.M. tack in
P.E. saw fin backs and blackfish Lat 6 16


Friday Sept 23rd
heading in with strong trades 6 A.M. squared
away W.M. fitted and tarring rigging Lat 5 56
Long 87 40

Saturday Sept 24th
6 P.M. hauled by the wind heading off latter
part strong gale steering W Lat 6 01

Sunday Sept 25th
J.P. ran into a shoal of whales put off but
got nothing very rugged heading in E.N.E. 6 P.M. wore
off P.M. at daylight saw a ship to leeward 10 A.M. saw
her making signals squared away and at 12 saw
a whale Lat 6 12

X Monday Sept 26th
hauled by the wind inshore in chase at 2 P.M. finding
we could not weather them with the ship wore and stood
off 20 minutes then tack in but saw no more of the
whales heading in untill 4 when seeing the ship to
leeward manouevring squared away for her at 1/2 past
5 saw her boats fast it being late gave up the chase and
spoke the Catawba, Capt. 32, from Nantucket 1500
with a small whale nearly alongside went on board and
got the news and some vegetation heading in for the night

Ship American Cruising in L D Octo

Monday Sept 26th continued
at 6 A.M. wore off by past 6 saw 3 whales close under the lee
put off 2 boats and by past 10 the Starboard and
Portboard boat each took a 50 bl whale to the ship
blowing strong and very rugged got breakfast and
hooked on — 50'  50' 

Tuesday Sept 27th 1842
Heaving in cutting to windward very rugged at lunch
finished cutting one whale and lay by the other
boiling at 6 A.M. wore ship and commenced cutting
at 12 finished and filled away heading off Lat 5 55

Wednesday Sept 28th
Heaving off boiling latter part the Catawba in
sight to windward

Thursday Sept 29th
6 A.M. wore in E.N.E. boiling and so continue
all this day saw the C to windward

Friday Sept 30th
Heaving in 3 A.M. finished boiling and cooled
down the works of course 7 A.M. wore off 9 A.M.
employed in cleaning ship and girdalling as
usual after a fair of bit Lat 5 46
Long 88 47

Saturday Octo 1st 1842
Strong trades heaving off saw a brace at 1 P.M.
squared away and ran an hour or so and
saw a fin back. 6 A.M. wore ship and coopered
the oil

Sunday Octo 2nd
Strong trades. 10 A.M. out to day with 500 bls
much better than last voyage. 6 A.M. wore in
saw a ship to leeward Lat 6 20

Monday Octo 3rd
6 A.M. spoke the Catawba boiling 2 small whales
she is 32 A.M. out 10 30 heading in. 12 wore
off latter part wore in again and commenced stowing
oil in the main hold larboard side



Ship American Quilting in South 3^{1/2}

Remains on Sunday October 4th 1842

P. M. finished stowing oil and wore off shore
latter part building a gun carriage

Stowed 500
500 total

Monday Oct 5th

P. M. put off and took a blackfish & wore in E. N. E.
latter part making a gun carriage

Lat 6. 25

Tuesday Oct 6th

Moderate winds heading in saw a ship.
latter part heading off boiled out the blackfish

Wednesday Oct 7th

Heading off building gun carriage & A. M. wore in

Lat 7. 8

Long 90 12

Thursday Oct 8th

Heading in with strong winds & P. M. saw some
breaches.

Lat 6. 16

Friday Oct 9th

Heading in with nothing in sight & P. M. wore off
and so go all these Oct hours latter.

Lat 6. 32

Long 90 11

Saturday Oct 10

Heading off at 6. tacked in light winds and
pleasant weather the sun vertical in

Lat 6. 11

Long 88 16

Sunday Oct 11th

Saw a bark to windward heading off. Right air and
pleasant weather the ground very dry not even a patch
on the latter part saw plenty of blackfish could not catch
any I wore off P. M. saw the bark



Monday Oct 12th

L. P. M. took bark, Shallow - Brewster 9 m. 20 m. from
Stonington got some vegetation & A. M. wore in shore
the 3rd in sight & P. M. put off for a large whale and at
12 the waist boat brought him alongside

Lat 7. 1



Tuesday Oct 13th

Looked on and took in the body - lay by the head
& hooked on and at 8 filled away heading off 12
wore in

Lat 7. 12

Long 89 20

Ship American Cruising in S D beto

Remarks on Friday October 14, 1842
Heading in boiling saw the bark to leeward at day light
Saw a ship astern cutting to wore off S D

Saturday Octo 15"
Light air boiling S D wore in E N E one sail astern
boiling as well as ourselves S D wore off S D

Sunday Octo 16"
Heading off boiling saw blackfish plenty S D
cooled down washed off and wore inshore.
latter part fine and pleasant saw blackfish and fin
back made all sail

Monday Octo 17"
S D wore off S D S D wore inshore and commenced
stowing down oil on the starboard side of the main
hatchway aft - light winds and pleasant
500 Dat S D

Tuesday Octo 18" ^{Stowed 80} 5.80 total
Heading in finished stowing and washed off
at sunset S D wore off saw a ship to windward
fog squalls and rain

Wednesday Octo 19"
Heading off foggy dirty weather filling oil casks
and washing nothing in sight but hagglets
and Petrel, sunrise saw a sail to leeward
wore inshore - saw spouts to windward and called
them whales took off for an hour or so and then
wore in saw the whales two risings and then lost
them - went to windward most likely - saw
blackfish plenty
Sat S D
Long 88 S

Thursday Octo 20"
Light winds and pleasant weather blackfish
plenty - whales scarce today S D wore off S D

Friday Octo 21"
S D wore in E N E and so go all
this day with nothing in sight but bark
far away to leeward
Sat S D
Long 87 N

The Ship American Cruising in S D

Remarks on Saturday October 22nd 1842

Heading in E N E at 6 P.M. took in sail and wore to the S.W. saying with the main top sail to the mast to see if the whales will come on the morrow of their own accord. The latter part of the day came as usual but no whales as usual too.

Sunday Oct 23rd

Heading off with strong winds and flaws at daylight saw 3 whales handy to the ship going to windward put off 3 boats but could not get near them at 8 returned on board and made sail heading in to the Eward 10 saw another whale on the weather bow working to the S.W. put on all sail and endeavoured to work up to him it being too rugged to do any thing with the boats - and so ends all hands working on the Sabbath

Lat 7 44
Long 38 36

Monday Oct 24th

Light winds and rough sea on at 2 P.M. put off 2 boats who chased untill 4 when the whale being nearly out of sight to windward they returned on board heading off for the night - the whales all appear to be going about 1 and 2 P.M. heading up during the night 6 P.M. wore in N E saw nothing but fin backs squally

Lat 7 54

Tuesday Oct 25th

Heading N E saw fin backs. Squally and fine rain at day light saw a large whale top tailing on the weather bow made one or two tacks to get to windward and having succeeded at 8 lowered 2 boats and at 12 the waist boat took him alongside.



Wednesday Oct 26th

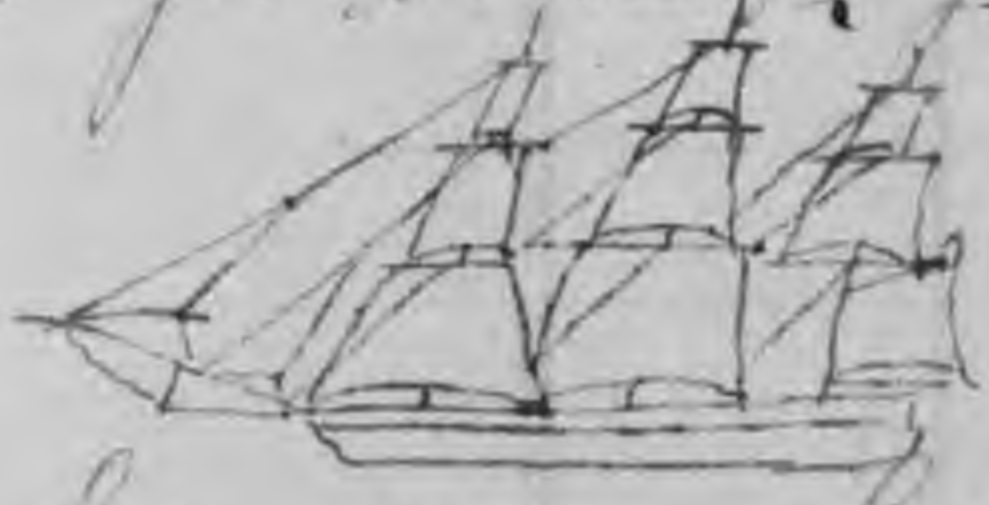
Looked on and at sunset had his body in bay by the head for the night heading off P.M. 6 P.M. looked on and took in the head so filled away and began to boil heading in to the E.

Thursday Oct 27th

Heading in saw black fish - boiling 8 P.M. wore off saw a ship astern 12 wore in again

American cruising in the North

Remarks on Friday October 28th 1842
 I & M spoke the Fabius having 2 large whales since last
 gam 7 were off I. She is 27 mo 1600 got some vegetation
 but no whale on the next day



Saturday Oct 29th
 Heading in boiling to midnight cooled down latter part
 cleaning up and quidding saw a ship to leeward
 at 11 saw her manouevring and squared away for her
 Lat 7 13

Sunday Oct 30th
 Saw the Fabius taking whales alongside at 1 saw the
 gallied whales - 2 put off for them and at 5 the
 starboard boat took a 30 all ball to the ship & lay by
 him for the night the I in sight off the lee bow
 5 A.M. hooked on and cut in the whale and filled
 away at 10 heading off



Monday Oct 31st
 I & M squared away for the Fabius at 4 spoke
 her she took 3-40 all whales saw a brig to windward.
 the I has now about 1700. heading off P.M.
 boiling all these 24 hours



Tuesday November 1st 1842
 Heading off boiling. 6 P.M. were in S.W.E.
 12 midnight cooled down latter part were off
 cooping and fitting bil to stow

Wednesday Nov 2nd
 Heading off breaking out the main hatchway to
 stow oil 3 saw whales to windward were round
 and hove aback but lost sight of them by 4 P.M.
 7 A.M. were inshore stowing bil
 Lat 7 18



5.80
 1.20 stowed
 7.00 total

Thursday Nov 3rd
 Heading in 6 P.M. finished stowing off the
 main hold 7 A.M. were off P.M. latter part
 charring ship.

Long 88 30

Friday Nov 4th
 Heading off P.M. a little before daylight saw
 whales breaching past 7 put off and at 9 the
 starboard boat took a bill to the ship on
 I hooked on and began to cut
 Lat 7 30



1842 Ship American cruising in S. D.

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Remarks on Saturday Nov 5th 1842

At 5 P.M. got through cutting, wore round E. N. E. and took a reef in each top sail at 5 A.M. commenced boiling & wore off S.W.

Sunday Nov 6th
Heaving off S.W. boiling 7 A.M. nearly calm, wore in shore

Monday Nov 7th
Heaving in E. at 7 P.M. finished boiling and cooled down the works. moderate winds with flaws quite strong also fine rain occasionally

Tuesday Nov 8th
Light winds cooled a part of the oil 7 P.M. tacked off saw a sail & A.M. wore in and commenced stowing oil in the fore hold Starboard side.

Lat by bar 7.23

Wednesday Nov 9th
5.8 stowed heaving in stowing oil 7 P.M. wore off. latter part 13.8 total finished stowing and cleaned up wore in shore

Lat 7.42

Thursday Nov 10th

Long 88.44

Heaving in E. spoke the Lafayette - Cornwall
It me from New Bedford 1300 lbs got a few vegetables
and in consequence thereof on the latter part caught
a sunfish & tacked off



Friday Nov 11th

6 P.M. tacked in E. N. E. latter part saw the S. to, windward
fitting cutting gear

Saturday Nov 12th

Heaving in saw a ship to windward 7 A.M. tacked
off S.W. the ship to windward boiling

Sunday Nov 13th

Heaving off 1 P.M. hauled up the mainsail for the
ship to windward who kept away for us at 3 P.M.
about 4 miles dist. set her signal for whale! saw
them ourselves in a few minutes and both ships
put off for them at 4 P.M. returned on board the whale
having gone to windward spoke the Fabius the 1st
of mo out 1100- having taken on 80 and 40 since last gam
at 9 A.M. tacked in E. N. E. latter part saw nothing

Lat 7.42

Long 87.13



SHIP AMERICAN CRUISING IN bS

Re made on Monday November 14 1842

Heaving in 1 P.M. struck the bank of fin backs & took off 2000 latter part saw one fin back and some blackfish - making nets

Tuesday Nov 15

6 P.M. tack in E.N.E. and so continue all these 24 hours making nets for onions Lat 7 42 Long 86 56

Wednesday Nov 16

Heaving in E.N.E. 5 1/2 P.M. saw a school of whales on the weather bow going up & out to windward saw them but one rising so did not lower. latter part about the same at 6 tack off and at 12 tack in again. Lat 8 00 Long 86 00

Thursday Nov 17

Heaving in E.N.E. all these 24 hours nothing in sight but blackfish in Lat 7 35 Long 86 45

Friday Nov 18

Heaving in E.N.E. on the latter part saw great numbers of blackfish Lat 6 52

Saturday Nov 19

At 1 put off and blackfished all the afternoon the waist and larboard boat each took one - the water discoloured latter part cleaning the starboard side of the ship - green water Lat 6 20 Long 82 40

Sunday Nov 20

Heaving in water green saw a bone shark and some grampuses steering N.E. & E during the night under easy sail with light wind and foggy weather daylight made all sail and at 10 saw point Ajuga E.N.E. squared away for Paita

Monday Nov 21

Steering for Paita 7 P.M. off the town the Capt went in with a boat - at 9 P.M. came to anchor in 8 fms. found here the boats & me out hold, and sundry black 24 me 1000 lbs. all hands cleaning ship for painting



SHIP AMERICAN Cruising in b P. Faita

Remarks on Thursday Nov 22nd 1842

Starboard watch ashore the rest painting and tarring the bends - at 6 P M the Triton Chase sent a boat in she is 7 mo out 4 small whales

Wednesday Nov 23rd

Starboard watch on liberty painting ship 3 P M arrived ship Phoenix Hamblin 29 mo from Nantucket 1600

Thursday Nov 24th



Commenced raining 10 A M clear and pleasant Starboard watch on liberty myself ruminating in my bunk painted and coal tarred a little Sailed ship Porter on a cruise.

Friday Nov 25th

Starboard watch ashore took up the old junk and chain to sell - finished painting the sides

Saturday Nov 26th

Starboard watch on liberty sailed ship Audley, Clark touched here the Benjamin Bush Gifford and Amazon Clark 15 mo 100 took on board a cargo of vegetables to carry to Tumbis.

Sunday Nov 27th

The Starboard watch ashore mending the sabbath 3 P M the Amazon left for a cruise

Monday Nov 28th

All hands employed in taking off onions and storing off the hatchways. touched bark Mary Prarie 7 mo out 200 blb.

Tuesday Nov 29th

Getting ready for sea at 3 P M got under way and steared off NW by N for Tumbis

Wednesday Nov 30th

Steering down the coast for Tumbis broke out for Shooks cooper setting them up

Thursday Dec 1st 1842

at 4 P M came too of Tumbis in co with the Lexington 27 mo 1500 got a few oysters.



Ship American in Chumbis

Decr

Remarks on Friday Decr 3rd
 Filled and took off a raft of water turned the
 head stays and quilled a bit.

Saturday Decr 3rd
 All hands stowing away water and fitting
 casks took off a few tubs of sand.

Sunday Decr 4th
 All hands ashore at the point on Liberty

Monday Decr 5th
 one gang wooding the rest taking off commotals
 took off some wood.

Tuesday Decr 6th
 Wooding and taking off commotals

Wednesday Decr 7th
 Took off a raft of water also some wood.

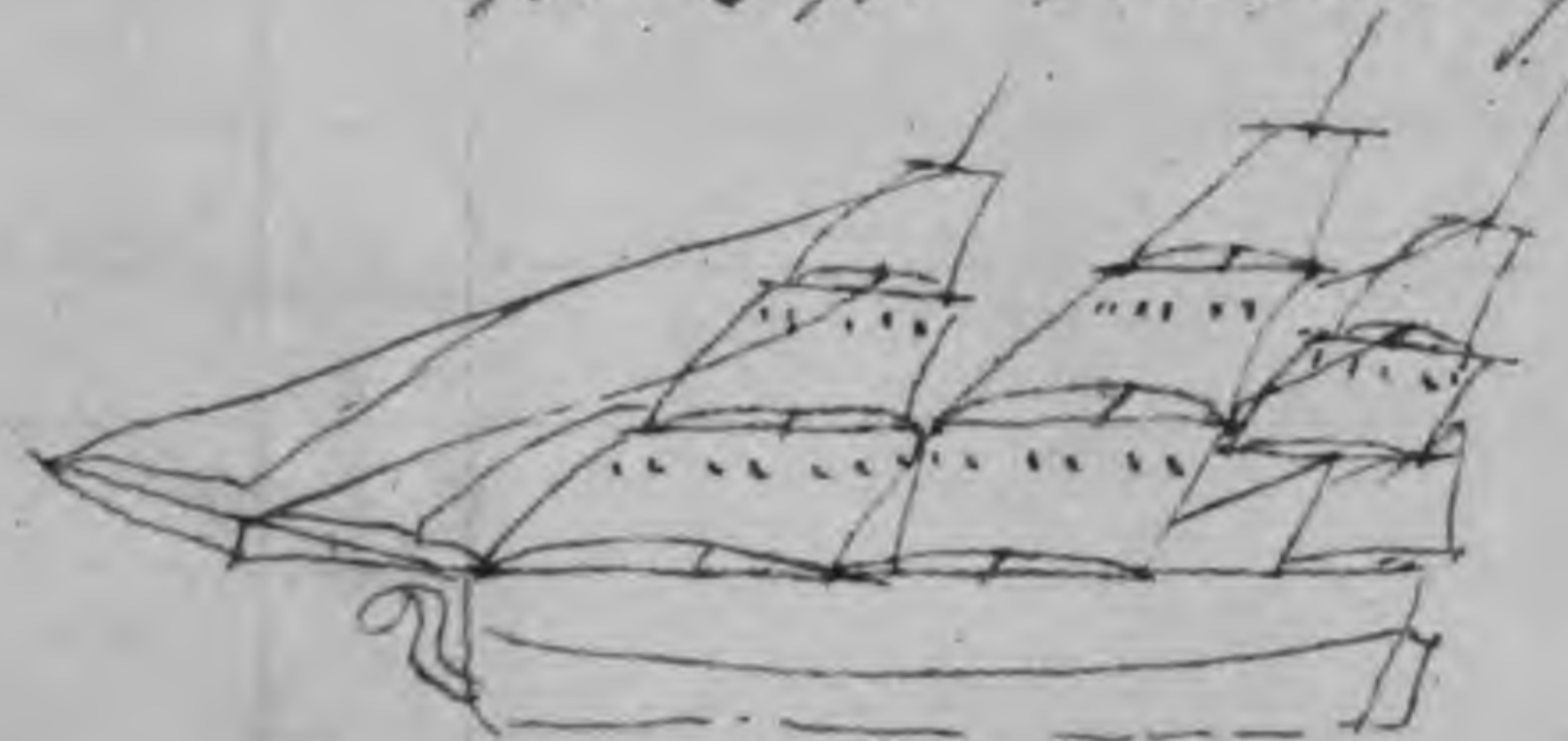
Thursday Decr 8th
 One gang wooding up the river the rest quidding

Friday Decr 9th
 Took off the last of the wood also some branges
 and other knick-knacks with a few men - women
 boys - girls - 7 jack asses one dog 2 kittens and 2
 parrots passengers for Chatham Island
 all ready for sea

Saturday Decr 10th
 Took in the boats and lay writing for wind and tide

Sunday Decr 11th
 At 9 P.M. got under way and stood off made a short
 tack and weathered the point at 6 spoke ship
 Accushnet. Feels 03 mo 950 bound to Paite -
 during the night light winds from N.N.W. steering
 W.S.W. latter part calm the land in sight

Lat 3 15
 Long 81 13



Ship American bound to the Gallapagos

Remarks on Monday Decr 12th 1842

At 1 P.M. took the sea breeze from N.W. heading
up S. S. P.M. tack to N.W. middle part strong winds
steering W took in light sails

Tuesday Decr 13th

Strong trades steering W middle part moderate
winds from S.E. made all sail. latter part calm
set up the topmast backstays

Lat 3 30

Long 85 00

Wednesday Decr 14th

Light air and calm middle part quite a brisk
breeze latter part went to the Mizzen Top Sail for repair

Lat 2 10

Long 86 19

Thursday Decr 15th

Moderate winds steering W middle part a strong
breeze repairing the Mizzen Top Sail 10 A.M. saw

Lat 1 49

Long 88 42

Friday Decr 16th

At 1 P.M. spoke the Robert Edwards Burgess 17 mo
1200- bent the Mizzen Top Sail steering W and W by N
middle part rainy and foggy - latter part thick
7 A.M. saw Hood's Island 9 saw Chatham and at
12 were close in to the land - at 2 P.M. came to
anchor in Meek bay in 7 fms water - sent a boat
in for terrapin also sent the Jack ashore
and caught a plenty of fish at dark the Terrapin
party returned with the figs of 2 - having lost
long Jack among the bushes.



Ship American Gallapagos Islands

Decr

Remarks on Monday December 19th 1842
3 boats ashore Terpinig none brought on board
to day

Tuesday Decr 20th

8 A.M. 2 boats returned on board with 34 Terpinig
and at 1 P.M. started off again - saw a ship pass
down

Wednesday Decr 21st

8 A.M. 2 boats returned on board again with 47
Terpinig at 1 started again for more = 3 P.M.
a boat arrived from the ship anchored in Stephens
bay the David Paddock 14th went to bed.

16
34
47
57

154

Terpinig

Thursday Decr 22nd

At 10 A.M. all the boats returned with 57 Terpinig
the D. Paddock's boats passed to windward for
Terpinig = 3 P.M. the captain started in a boat
for Stephens bay.

Friday Decr 23rd

All hands quidding. Sent a boat up to windward
to look for a hatchet but found it not. At 4 P.M. the
captain returned from the leeward so ended
all ready for sea.

Saturday Decr 24th

At daylight light breeze took our anchor and
stood out to the S.W. 11 A.M. passed within
a stones throw of McGowan's reef - saw fin back
and black fish -
Lat 1.11

Gallapagos Islands.

Remarks on Monday Decr 26th 1852

Moderate winds with strong westerly current 1 P.M. the boats returned on board took dinner and hooked on at 5 P.M. had one in made all sail to E.N.E. Albermarle close under the lee during the night cut the junk and boiled heading up E. daylight calm Forted Island N.W. 30 miles dist. 7 hooked on and took in the other whale and made all sail to the S. Albermarle 9 miles dist. boiling

Tuesday Decr 27th

Light trades heading up S. sunset Christopher's point bore N.W. 35 miles more or less latter part moderate breeze boiling heading in E. Lat 1 30

Wednesday Decr 28th

Heading in E boiling sunset S head bore N.W. 40 9 P.M. wore off S. 7 A.M. wore in N.E.

Thursday Decr 29th

Heading in N.E. in sight of S head. 7 P.M. finished boiling. 10 P.M. wore off - 2 A.M. wore in E.N.E. S head and Harbrough in sight - repairing starboard boat

Friday Decr 30th

Strong trades heading in 2 P.M. under the lee of Christopher's point 5 miles dist squared away N.W. 45 put the starboard boat on the crane - 6 P.M. hauled off by the wind abreast of the middle of Harbrough and shortened sail 2 A.M. wore in E.N.E. latter part calm covered the bil - 2 ends off the N end of Harbours


Saturday Decr 31st

Broke out the fore hold and commenced stowing oil saw a ship to leeward & shortened sail 10 P.M. strong trades wore off 2 A.M. wore in E. (3 P.M. wore in) latter part finished stowing oil - in the fore hold 2 ends off Harbrough

758
 97 Stowed
 855 Total


Ship American Cruising off the Gallapagos Jan'y

Remarks on Sunday January 1st 1843.



Light winds off Harborough employed in stowing off the hatchways & P.M. wore off shore & spoke the John of N. Bedford 27 mo 700 bbls - 10 wore in & 7 A.M. 5 miles from land saw sprouts and took off saw no more of them so took in E - off the middle of Harborough

Monday Jan'y 2nd




3 P.M. wore off & spoke the John - lay aback until 1 P.M. with a strong weather current and heavy swell then wore in shore with strong trades 10 A.M. took off repairing the Garboard boat

Tuesday Jan'y 3rd


Heaving off & wore in under short sail latter part painting boats strong trades

Wednesday Jan'y 4th




Proceeding in N Harboro 3 miles dist. took off spoke ship Fenimore Smith 27 mo from Havre 800 bbls whale. painting boats latter part saw a bon shark & 2 ships in sight

Thursday Jan'y 5th




Spoke the Fenimore and John and had a gam latter part fitting boats off Harb.

Friday Jan'y 6th




Spoke the Fenimore again fitting davits for a 24' boat latter part calm off the weather bay

Saturday Jan'y 7th



Light winds spoke the Fenimore again 7 A.M. squared away and ran down the coast in search of whales - saw the John also. to end off the bay

Sunday Jan'y 8th



Light winds steering to the N. L. P.M. hauled in to the E. sunset the rock bore N. by E. ahead 7 miles dist. fitting the old boat. middle part calm latter part light winds from the N. W. saw 2 ships to end off North Head of Albermarle

43 Ship American cruising off the Galapagos

Remarks on Monday January 9th 1843.

Light airs and calms 3 P.M. spoke the *Awashonk*
 Force 30 mo 1000 middle and latter part calm off
 North Head

Tuesday Jan 10th

Light airs from S.E. spoke the *A* again 3 P.M. a
 stiff breeze stood in to the bay past the head 6 P.M.
 wind the *A* heading out middle and latter part
 calm



Wednesday Jan 11th

Light airs from the S. sunset pushed the *A* head
 3 miles dist. gannet with the *Russell* - *Boy* of
 Dartmouth 13 mo 500 bls. - latter part nearly calm
 Saw 3 ships to end of the head 2 miles dist

Thursday Jan 12th

Spoke the *Awashonk* and had a gun. latter part
 moderate trades working to windward, rained cabin



Friday Jan 13th

Saw 2 ships sunset off N. head. latter part gannet
 with the *Boy* of Naren 32 mo 1500. Capt. Barto

Saturday Jan 14th

Moderate winds gannet with the *Boy* and sent
 letters off - N head. latter part calm under the lee
 of N head. Black fish plenty



Sunday Jan 15th

3 P.M. spoke Brig *Rin* 16 days from Callao for
 Mexico supplied her with wood and water also
 spoke the *Boy* again latter part pleasant trades
 standing in



Monday Jan 16th

Brisk trades standing in 6 P.M. under N head
 tack off. latter part calm to windward of N head

Tuesday Jan 17th

Strong trades working to windward latter part
 shifted the waist boat farther aft off N head

Wednesday Jan 18th

Shifting boat with brisk trades off the bay

Ship American off the Galapagos

Jan'y

Remarks on Thursday Jan'y 19th 1843

Moderate winds off Harbor off one ship to windward latter part light winds heading in so ends off Lee bay

Friday Jan'y 20th

Light air shifting boats and fitting davits crews &c. latter part off Lee bay one ship to windward

Saturday Jan'y 21stModerate winds one sail to windward daylight Barb 6 miles dist saw whales at 6^h put off and at 12 the Starboard boat took 2 and the Starboard 1 whale to the ship so ends with strong tradesSunday Jan'y 22nd

Strong winds hooked on and at 6 had in 2 of them middle part calm boiling. latter part cutting so ends half way down to the bottom of Lee bay

Monday Jan'y 23rd2nd part finished cutting and stood over towards Barb - sunset the wind kept us and the current took the ship near the rocks put on 3 boats and towed off at 7 came alongside calm throughout the night latter part lying aback and drifting about in the bay boilingTuesday Jan'y 24th

Laying aback boiling. latter part drifting about in the bay boiling

Wednesday Jan'y 25th

Boiling standing out of the bay 3 A.M. cooled down latter part quiddling as usual after a fare so ends off Lee bay

Thursday Jan'y 26th

Pleasant trades quiddling about decks latter part cooping oil off the middle of Barb

Friday Jan'y 27th

Commenced stowing oil in the after hold & side and so continue all these 24 hours. hard at it latter part laying aback in Lee bay with strong winds

1843. Ship American off the Lallipagos Islands.

Remarks on board Saturday Jan'y 28th 1843

Strong trades, laying aback in lee bay stowing oil at 6
P.M. finished stowing and stood out of the bay
latter part stowing off between decks or rather commenced
855 } doing so for at 6 A.M. being about 15 or 20
141 stowed } miles from N head, put off for whales
996 Total } the Starboard struck and waked one
the waist missed then struck and lost
a line at 10 came on board took the waked
whale alongside and commenced cutting and
so ends with 2 boats off and one boat crew
cutting



Sunday Jan'y 29th

Cutting with 2 boats off at 3 P.M. saw more whales
put off the waist boat but saw no more of them
at 6 the Starboard boat took a whale alongside
and at 7 the Starboard boat took another finished
cutting one whale and wore ship off shore
cutting junk and bailing case through the night
at 7 A.M. hooked on and at 12 had both bodies in
so ends 10 miles to windward of the rock boiling

the Starboard
struck and drove
down one that
the crew was
picked up after

Monday Jan'y 30th

Hooked on and took in the heads and wore inshore
the rock 5 miles dist. one sail to leeward of us.
latter part 2 sail in sight boiling all these 24 hours

Tuesday Jan'y 31st

Moderate winds lying under the lee of N head
aback boiling latter part spoke the Aurora Coffin
21 mo out 750 so ends boiling and gamming



Wednesday February 1st 1843

Gammie and boiling at 3 A.M. cooled down
latter part calm gammed with the Robert Edwards
19 mo 1300 blls - saw 2 more ships so ends off the rock







Thursday Feb'y 2

Calm gamming off the rock with the P.E.
10 P.M. saw the Aurora boiling out a whale that we
killed on the 28th 5 A.M. spoke the Franklin
19 mo 600 blls latter part cooping 5 ships in
sight off N head



Ship American off the Falkland Islands Feb.


Remarks on Friday February 3 1843.
Coopering bil spoke the W^m C. Nye 15 mo full of whale
26000, 6000 and sperm - had a general gam with her the Franklin
and Aurora at 9 spoke the David Faddock 300 bls
Butter part stowing oil in the fore hold


  Saturday Feb 4th  
Stowing oil at 7 P.M. finished stowing
996 A.M. off North 7 miles dist squared away
116 stowed to the N
1113 Total

Sunday Feb 5th
Steering to the N. with strong winds at 7 P.M.
hauling aback between the rock and Cape
Berkeley heading in 7 A.M. found ourselves to
windward of the rock squared away to N.E.

Monday Feb 6th
Steering to the N.E. & S. saw a sail to windward
hailed by the wind latter part nearly calm
shifted the children from the stowage to the
Fore castle

Tuesday Feb 7th
Shifting stowage spoke the Benjamin Rush
18 mo from Warren 600 bls. latter part calm
2 ships in sight off N head,

Wednesday Feb 8th 
Gamming with the Franklin steering
down for the rock at daylight found
ourselves far away to the W of the rock

Thursday Feb 9th 
Heading in to the E had a gam with the N.Y.
7 A.M. Abington ahead and the white beach of
Cape Berkeley 2 points abast the steam put off
for a shoal of whales in co with the
Franklin's boats but none got on at 10
came on board and at 12 saw more
whales

1843 Ship American off the Gallipagos

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Remarks on Friday February 10th 1843

X At 1 P.M. put off for a pod of whales in co with the
Franklin the Larboard boat darted at one and
X at 1 came on board - at 6 P.M. saw more whales
put off and the waist boat darted and at dark
came on board with Fishermen and such
middle part some rain and squall latter part
plenty of porpoises in sight

Saturday Feb^y 11th

X Calm saw the Franklin boats off and at 3 P.M.
saw the whales going to windward eyed out
middle part plenty of rain latter part saw
the rock and the Franklin to leeward cutting

Sunday Feb^y 12th

put the bow boat on the crane - working up for
the rock, latter part calm to windward of the rock

Monday Feb^y 13th

standing in 9 P.M. passed ahead heading up
S.E. for Harborough, latter part in the bay
all hands turning in fore rigging

Tuesday Feb^y 14th

fitting rigging sunset off ahead 7 miles dist
latter part calm

Wednesday Feb^y 15th

Light air and calm turning in and fitting
main and mizen rigging all these 24 hours

Thursday Feb^y 16th

fitting rigging 7 A.M. close under main, 1/2 past 9 calm
sent in a boat for fish 10 close to the breck, put
on 3 boats and towed 3/4 of an hour when the
breck came up - caught 16 fish

Friday Feb^y 17th

fitting rigging middle part raining latter part
fitting a new davit for the bow boat
off Harborough

Ship American Cruising off the Gallipagos Feb

Remarks on Saturday February 18th 1843

Moderate winds off Harbor fitting rigging daylight off the middle of weather bay Squared away to the N.W.

Sunday Feb^y 19th

Heaving to the N.W. S. & M. sent a boat in off Harb for fish, a b returned with 3 dozen latter part Saw a ship - so ends off the weather end of Harb

Monday Feb^y 20th

S. & M. spoke the Hector Gray 27 mo 2500 latter part strong winds clearing chain cable

Tuesday Feb^y 21st

Strong winds off the N. end of Harb cleaning and painting chain all day 24 hours

Wednesday Feb^y 22nd

Light airs and calm J. & M. with rain wind from N off N head latter part fitting rigging and quidding

Thursday Feb^y 23rd

S. & M. spoke the David Tagdack 300 blt. daylight between Cape Birley and the rock

Friday Feb^y 24th

Strong trades off N head picking balm latter part smoky no land in sight blacking iron work and fitting rigging

Saturday Feb^y 25th

off lee bay spoke the Hector latter part fitting rigging off N head saw 2 ships

Sunday Feb^y 26th

off N head rainy, latter part spoke the Russell Ray 15 mo 600 - 3 whales alongside

Monday Feb^y 27th

off lee bay 5 squared away N.E. & P. M. hauled off aback latter part squared away to the N. went the chain topsail for repairs Saw 3 ships

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Remarks on Tuesday Feb'y 28th 1843

Spoke the Aurora having taken a noble whale since we saw her last which makes her 800 latter part repairing sails passed 2 carcasses

Wednesday March 1st
Repairing sails N head just in sight all hands overboard

Thursday March 2nd
Calm repairing sails all hands swimming latter part strong trades heading in

Friday March 3rd
Strong trades heading in to the E repairing sails latter part off N head steering to NE with light airs

Saturday March 4th
off N head - all hands overboard latter part calm

Sunday March 5th
Calm off N head all hands overboard again as usual latter part saw a ship

Monday March 6th
off N head spoke the Accushnetts Pease 26 mo 1000 bls latter part saw the A-tt and D Paddack so ended to windward of the rock between decks

Tuesday March 7th
off N head latter part between N head and the rock

Wednesday March 8th
spoke the D Paddack 4 PM strong winds from N steering SSW latter part moderate trades

Thursday March 9th
off N head with moderate winds and no whales

Friday March 10th
off N head no whales to day porpoised a few latter part about the same

Saturday March 11th
Put off for Blackfish got none sent a boat in at N head for fish took 1 latter part repairing the Galley saw 3 ships

Ship American cruising off the Gallipagos Mar

Remarks on Sunday March 12th 1843.
Off Lebay - repairing the gally lay aback for the night latter part saw something to windward supposed blackfish - R off Starb 3 miles dist tack off

Monday March 13th
Moderate winds and calm off the middle of Starb
latter part off the weather bay unrigged the bumpkins

Tuesday March 14th
Put off 3 boats for blackfish Starboard and waist boat each took one Starboard boat broke an iron and lost one. latter part off I head



Wednesday March 15th
3 P M sent in 2 boats for fish returned on board with 20 - 2 crabs and 2 waigins besides. latter part off I head painted the cabin gangway and tilted out the blackfish

Thursday March 16th
Nine breezes off I Head 7 A M spoke the Chas W Morgan - Norton 18th Aug 1100. saw plenty of blackfish



Friday March 17th
Strong winds off I Head. latter part calmed unrent the St Topsail for repairs

Saturday March 18th
Steering to the N bent the Topsail Saw a number of finbacks and a carcass also put off 3 boats for blackfish but got none lay aback for the night latter part repairing (off) repairing broken Topsail

Sunday March 19th
Repairing spanker off I Head lay aback for the night latter part off weather bay

Monday March 20th
Working to the N.E. heading off for the night latter part saw black fish - off the weather part of Starb unrent the fib and put on another - so will repairing fib

1843 Ship American cruising off the Gallipagos

Remarks on Tuesday March 21st 1843
off Harborough repairing all spars in swimming
latter part calm repairing the Foresail

Wednesday March 22nd
Light wind steering to the N repairing Foresail
B L H hauled by the wind off the Ru point
of Harbo latter part quiddingling

Thursday March 23rd
off Harb with light air latter part steering to the
N

Friday March 24th
Light air off Harb latter part off Ru bay painting
waist and tarring bends put off a boat for
blackfish but got nothing but rummice stone
of which there is large quantities about

Saturday March 25th
off Ru bay painting waist Saw a ship to seaward
middle part calm 7/8 saw the ocean full of whales put off
and the starboard boat took a cow alongside before
noon the other 3 boats in chase off N head



Sunday March 26th
Chasing whales at sunset all the boats came on board
the bow with a large whale the starboard with a
cow and the waist having struck and drew
having a poor chance - saw the Russell to seaward
take a small whale - latter part to seaward of N head
with the wind from NW cut in the 2 cows and
took off the other head



Monday March 27th
Took in the body and leg by the head for the night
boiling latter part calm took in the head 2 ends
off N head the Russell in sight

Tuesday March 28th
off N head boiling latter part down off the rock

Wednesday March 29th
Boiling all these 24 hours with calm and
hot weather N head just in sight

Ship American cruising off the Gallipagos March

Monday March 30th 1843.
Calm & P.M. finished boiling 9 a light breeze
the first we had since hauling the whales to
the ship heading to the E. latter part calm

Tuesday March 31st
Light airs and calm at daylight 10 miles to the
S of the rock cooping oil the Russell in sight

Wednesday April 1st 1843
Calm cooping and heaping out the Fore Hold
Sunset 20 miles to the S of the rock

Thursday April 2nd
Stowing oil in the fore peak all these 24 hours
Lat 7° N

Friday April 3rd
11.12
1.15 Stowed finished stowing oil and cleaned ship
12.21 2 ships in sight all hands over board
Total latter part keeping Sabbath Lat 15° N

Saturday April 4th
Light airs and calm 2 ships in sight all
hands swimming 11 P.M. passed Menams
Islands latter part off Culpepper Lat 1° 23'

Sunday April 5th
Light winds heading up N.W. finished
painting the waist latter part mended the
F.T.G. sail for repairs Lat 1.38
Long 92.12

Monday April 6th
Heading up N.W. saw a ship to leeward
& P.M. tack in S.E. at daylight 3 ships in
sight 9 A.M. wore to N.W.

Tuesday April 7th
Heading to S.W. one ship to windward
latter part about the same Lat 35° N
Long 93.12

Wednesday April 8th
Light airs heading up N.W. latter part
cleaning iron work and blacking it

Upon these bitts there once did sit
In days that's past and gone
Five noble youths you know their names
They were Harry, Seth and our three Johns.
Upon these bitts they'd sit and sing
Of whales they killed or scared
Till eighteen months were nearly gone
When stranger sights appeared.
Into these bitts a bolt was drove
And in this bolt a ring
And through this ring the sheets were rove
Was lately in this spring.
Upon these bitts they still did sit
In spite of ring or chain
To spin their yarns and sing their songs
Till out of sport again
Upon these bitts there then appeared
One dark and cloudy morn-
A board! painted black and long
Was longer than my arm.
Upon these bitts this board was nailed
As solid as a rock
It spoilt a noble resting place
For Harry, Seth and Johns.
Around these bitts these noble youths
To look and look in vain
Like Noah's dove no place is found
Where they can rest their limbs again.

But in the darkness of the night
When 'tis their watch on deck
A bucket then is always found
As handy as the bitts.

Now shipmates all who come on board
To see your neighbours here
Step down below and you will find
No boards are nait up there.

This is the truest song
That ever I heard sung
The man that made this song
He said 'twas nobly done.

Critic



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43 Ship American from Gallapagos to Balcahuano

Remarks on Sunday April 9th 1843.
Light winds heading up S.W. & S. latter part a light
shower of rain
Lat 14° N.
Long 95° 13' W

Monday April 10th
Heading up S.W. latter part heading N light air
Lat 38° N
Long 95° 37' W

Tuesday April 11th
All hands overboard middle part a good breeze steering
S.W. latter part making a new Mizzen top gallant
mast
Lat 54° N
Long 94° 12'

Wednesday April 12th
Heading up S.W. and N.W. with a fine breeze
middle and latter part heading up S.W.
Lat 39° N
Long 94° 43'

Thursday April 13th
Pleasant winds heading up S.W. - latter part
set up the topstays
Lat 1° N
Long 95° 7'

Friday April 14th
Strong trades rose the topsail sheet middle part
calm - latter part a good breeze from E.N.E. steering
S. sent down the Mizzen top gallant mast in
Lat 37° S
Long 95° 31'

Saturday April 15th
Steering S saw finbacks sent up a new top gallant
mast. latter part strong winds and heavy swell
Lat 1° 54' S
Long 95° 37'

Sunday April 16th
Heading up S.W. making a mizen royal mast
latter part strong trades
Lat 5° 17'
Long 96° 36'

Monday April 17th
Heading up S.W. latter part sent up a mizen
royal mast
Lat 4° 51'
Long 97° 30'

Tuesday April 18th
Heading S.W. stood half way making a
passage latter part strong winds parted the
mizen top gallant backstay
Lat 5° 41'
Long 98° 48'

Ship American bound to Salcahuano April

Remarks on Wednesday April 19th 1843
Strong winds heading up S.W. and Sall
these 24 hours Lat 7 16 0
Long 99.55.10

Remarks on Thursday April 20th
Strong trades heading up S and S.W. in
Lat 9 30
Long 101.5

Friday April 21st
Heaving up S. with all sail out latter part
moderate winds Lat 11 25

Saturday April 22nd
Heaving S with strong winds latter part mod-
erate trades Lat 13 36
Long 102 30

Sunday April 23rd
Moderate trades and pleasant heading up S and
S.E. Lat 15 35
Long 103.00

Monday April 24th
Heaving up S.E. all these 24 hours with
strong trades and squally Lat 17 40
Long 103.35

Tuesday April 25th
Strong winds and squally making a
new signal Lat 19 35
Long 104.8

Wednesday April 26th
Strong trades and middle part squally
took in the light sails Lat 21 30
Long 104 39

Thursday April 27th
Strong winds heading up S.E. and S.W.
middle part squally Lat 23 45

Friday April 28th
Strong winds and squally took in the bow
boat middle part moderate made all sail
Lat 26 00
Long 104 13

Saturday April 29th
Light winds and pleasant weather steering S.E.
latter part wind at N.E. set 7 topmast steering S.E.
Lat 27.46
Long 102 45

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 43 Ship American bound to Salcahuano

Remarks on Sunday April 30th 1843.
 Strong winds from NNE steering SE & E.
 middle and latter part steering ESE. Sun pin bagged
 Lat 29.50

Monday April or rather May 1st 1843
 Steering ESE with strong gales increasing took in
 light sails and double reefed fore and main topsails
 4 PM moderate with hard rain and so continued
 through the night daylight made some sail wind
 light from SE to NW variable raining latter part
 clear made all sail

Tuesday May 2nd
 Moderate winds from the NW steering ESE with all
 sail out all hands washing latter part raining with
 little or no wind Lat 31.15

Wednesday May 3rd
 Bine winds from NW with rain middle part
 steering SE wind N and so continued
 Lat 32.50
 Long 93.45

Thursday May 4th
 Light winds and passing squalls from NW steering
 ESE middle part calm midnight light wind
 from N 7 AM took a strong breeze from E with
 rain at 9 double reefed topsails Lat 33.41

Friday May 5th
 Strong gales from E heading up SE & S
 latter part more moderate set mainsail and jib in
 Lat 35.17
 Long 92.20

Saturday May 6th
 Heading up SE & E middle part moderate made
 all sail latter part light winds repaired the J. J. G
 sail Lat 36.20
 Long 91.28

Sunday May 7th
 Light winds and calm midnight took a breeze from
 SW steering NW & N latter part strong winds
 from SSW Lat 36.41
 Long 89.50

Ship American bound to Balicehuam May

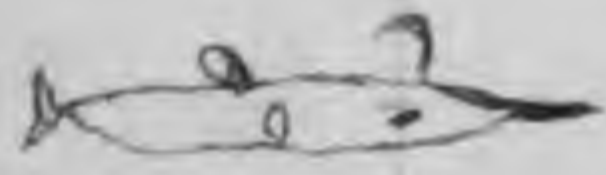
Remarks on Monday May 8th 1843

Strong winds from S.W. Stearing E. & S. with all sail
out & middle part strong breeze took in light sails
latter part wind from S.E. made all sail

Lat 36 18.9
Long 87.3 W

Tuesday May 9th

Light winds from E. and E.S.E. heading up N.E. and
N.W. E. latter part heading N. setting up sheets
for water & tack to S.E. caught a porpoise

Wednesday May 10th

Heading S.E. at 11 past 1 saw a whale at 3 put
off for him and at 3 the Starboard boat took
him alongside took in sail heading to the S.W. W
& S. calm hooked on and cut away



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Thursday May 11th

3 P.M. finished cutting - a light breeze from
the W. Stearing to the Eastward boiling latter
part quite a strong breeze from N.W.

Lat 35.30

Long 85.30

Friday May 12th

Fine winds from N.W. Stearing to the E.
boiling middle and latter part some rain

Lat

Long

Saturday (Sunday) May 13th

Stearing E. with the wind N.W. boiling
to P.M. cooled down middle and latter part
strong winds and rain

Lat 36 00

Long 81 20

Sunday (Monday) May 14th

Strong winds from N.W. Stearing E. with
all sail out for these 24 hours in Lat 36 40

Long 78 00

Monday May 15th

Strong winds from N.W. Stearing E.
midnight the wind hauled to S.E. with rain
took in light sails and on the latter part
of the day found the water discoloured, rainy
heading up N.E.

Sun & Scud

1843 Ship American Valcahuano

Tuesday May 16th 1843.

Light winds with rain and drizzle heading up
 NE with the water very green 7 A.M. took heading
 up S.E. & tack to N. & again to Calm. At took a
 strong wind from N.W. squared the yards and reefed
 off E.

Wednesday May 17th

Strong winds from N.W. steering E. weather thick
 and drizzly 6 P.M. supposed to be near land took in
 light sails and reefed the Topsails. middle part heading
 off with strong gales took in the 1st Topsail better part moderate
 winds from N.W. made all sail steering E. rain plenty
 at 12 cleared a little saw the Paps of Concepcion bearing S
 and hauled up S.E. for Quiriquena

Thursday May 18th

Light winds and clear steering for the passage now in sight
 bearing S.E. saw a bark going in 4 P.M. bent the cables at 6
 reefed the Topsails and hauled off W. a light air from the N.
 middle part Calm, rainy and thick fog 5 A.M. stood in
 for the land at 7 clear passed the point of Quiriquena
 and lay becalmed sent a boat ashore for potatoes
 and cleaned the bents — At 1 P.M. sent the
 boat ahead and towed in and at 4 let go the
 small bower anchor in 13 fms off the S end of
 Quiriquena — the Captain ashore for the night at
 the town, S ends rainy

Friday May 19th

4 A.M. light air from the S got under way and began
 to work up most of the time calm. at 3 P.M. the Captain
 returned from the town put 4 boats ahead and towed
 in to the shipping where we dropped the small anchor
 under foot and clewed down the sails found here the
 Eagle Taffin 30 mo from N. Bedford 1400 and Henry
 Clay-layer 41 mo 2200 bound home to Calcutta.

Saturday May 20th

Calm at 6 A.M. took up the anchor and towed in to
 4 fms where we dropped the best bower and paid away
 to it at 10 A.M. a breeze from the N. all hands
 coopers oil at 6 P.M. strong gales from the N. let go
 the small bower and paid away to it

Ship American lying in Salcahuam May

Remarks on Sunday May 21st 1843

Strong winds from the N. with rain at 10 A.M.
Sent all the starboard watch ashore the rest of us
keeping Sabbath on board

Monday May 22nd

Starboard watch on liberty latter part rainy with
strong gales from the N. arrived a French whaler

Tuesday May 23rd

Light winds and pleasant at 10 A.M. took up
both anchors and hauled in nearer to the shore
where we let go the best bower latter part calm
all hands setting up sheets took a small raft
ashore to file

Wednesday May 24th

Commenced calm at 7 A.M. light winds from
the N. commenced stowing oil in the fore hold
to strong winds let go the small anchor and
payed away to it 2 P.M. got down about 40 lbs
when it came on to rain which broke us off
latter part strong norther with rain

Thursday May 25th

Strong norther with rain 4 P.M. moderate winds
latter part calm

Friday May 26th

Commenced calm with drizzle at day light took
up the small anchor and commenced stowing
oil again at 12 finished in the afternoon sent
Total the starboard watch ashore some rain

Saturday May 27th

Calm Starboard watch on liberty filled a small
raft of water and took it in sunset to shift in
sight in the offing

Sunday May 28th

Calm starboard watch on liberty sunset strong
norther let go the small anchor and payed away
to it arrived ship William C. Pye put back
from Cape Horn owing to sickness on board

Ship American lying in Salcahuano

Remarks on Monday May 29th 1843.

Wind N. with some rain Starboard watch ashore the best fitting casks for water

Tuesday May 30th

All hands filling taking off and stowing water between decks some rain with the wind from N and quite strong

Wednesday May 31st

Moderate winds from N. filled a raft of water and stowed it between decks

Thursday June 1st 1843.

Commenced raining 10 A.M. calm took up the small anchor Starboard watch on Liberty midnights strong Northward let go the small anchor under foot

Friday June 2nd

Heavy Northward daylight payed away a good scope of chain and let her melt. Sunset quite moderate sent in a boat and got 2 of the Liberty men

Saturday June 3rd

Rainy and squally filled a raft of water and took it on board

Sunday June 4th

Calm Starboard watch ashore on Liberty

Monday June 5th

Calm and rainy stowed off between decks and took off a few sacks of flour

Tuesday June 6th

Wind at N took up the small anchor stowed off the hatchways and took off a boat load of potatoes sunset strong Northward let go the small anchor

Wednesday June 7th

Commenced with strong Northward at 10 A.M. calm took up the small anchor Starboard watch took off some wood and potatoes from the beach

Ship American leaving Palcahuano June

Remarks on Thursday June 8th 1853.

Moderate winds from N & N. E. arrived ship
Benj Tucker with 22 men from New Bedford
Took off a few beans and 4 casks water

Friday June 9th

Went at 8 and started with a boat load of Potatoes
beets cabbage &c. Sunset some rain midnight
quite strong winds let go the second anchor.
At 5 P. M. arrived ship Sagoda Harfield 19 men
from N. Bedford 2000 Whale and sperm.

Saturday June 10th

Clearer weather 4 P. M. nearly calm the cook and
Candler discharged

Sunday June 11th

Calm hove up the small anchor and dried
the sails all ready for sea waiting for a wind

Monday June 12th

Commenced with light air from the S. hove short
and at 12 meridian hove with all sail set
ready for sea

Tuesday June 13th Sea account

At 1 P. M. hove up and dropped out from the shipping
lying aback for the Captain L. P. M. squared away
in co with the Eagle & P. M. in the passage
nearly calm middle and latter part light
air and fog steering N. W.

Wednesday June 14th

Light air from the N. steering N. W.
L. P. M. gunning with the Eagle latter part
unbent the main topsails and repaired it foggy

Thursday June 15th

Light air from the S. W. steering N. W. thick
fog the Eagle in sight latter part saw a brig
Lat 34 59

Friday June 16th

Thick weather and S. winds & A. M. double
reefed heaving S. W. & W. latter part carried
away the jib stay and both bobstay sores
Strong gales and raining

6.13. Ship American bound down the coast

Remarks on Saturday June 17th 1843

Strong gales and rainy weather getting on a preventive
 bobstay. the cable in sight to the N. more moderate middle part made all sail and on the
 latter fitted a new jib stay heading up N. 6 E

Lat 34 10 D

Long 74 15 W

Sunday June 18th

Light air from the NW heading up N 6 E middle
 part calm and so continued

Lat 33 4

Monday June 19th

Light air from the NW heading to the N with
 some rain, saw a finback and a grasshopper
 latter part heading to the N

Lat 32 41

Long 73 17

Tuesday June 20th

Went at 11 heading up N. 6 E sunset took in light
 sails and double reefed at daylight trying under
 close reefed main top sail blowing quite strong
 from N. 6 W. 10 A. M. made some sail
 and wore ship to the N

Wednesday June 21st

Calm with a very heavy swell on heading
 NW. all these 24 hours

Lat 32 26

Long 74 12

Thursday June 22nd

Light air from the NW steering N. W. latter part fitting
 bobstay

Friday June 23rd

Light winds from N. 6 E on the north steering NW
 middle part from N. NW increasing took in 19 sails and
 tack to the N. E

Lat 31 10

Long 73 36

Saturday June 24th

Heading up N. 6 E 6 P. M. took in a reef in the top sails
 to P. M. wind hauled to N. W. light steering NW
 made all sail latter part wind S. and S. E.

Lat 30 10

Sunday June 25th

Strong winds from N. E steering NW all these
 24 hours

Lat 27 35

Long 74 9

Ship American bound down to Guernsey July

Remarks on Monday June 26th 1843

Strong winds from W & Stearing N. N. W latter part moderate trades and somewhat smoky
Lat 25 8

Tuesday June 27th

Moderate trades Stearing N. N. W painting boats
Lat 23 9

Long 74 54

Wednesday June 28th

Stearing N. N. W painting boats sun eclipsed latter part about 20 to 25 as usual

Thursday June 29th

Pleasant trades Stearing N. N. W latter part scouring paint work inside
W. 12

Friday June 30th

Stearing N. N. W clearing ship inside latter part strong trades painting inside
Lat 17 24

Saturday July 1st 1843

Strong trades Stearing N. N. W painting 6 P M took a reef in the top sail and hauled aback heading in shore latter part Stearing N. N. E saw a brig
Lat 16 23

Sunday July 2nd

Strong gales at sunset hauled aback heading in latter part saw the land and a ship to leeward
Lat 15 30

Monday July 3rd

Moderate with some drizzle 3 P M spoke the Iphigomoe 37 mo 2000 bls. lay aback for the night heading off 7 A M were in 9 saw a whale but where he went nobody knows
Kasea in sight bearing E - the Iph also in sight
Lat 15 8

Long 75 30

Tuesday July 4th 1843

"The Glorious day of our Independence"
Light winds heading in 9 P M were off latter part gaming with the Iphigomoe black fish in abundance

Ship American cooping in Guarmay

Remarks on Wednesday July 5th 1843
 Light traded gammy day aback for the night
 heading in latter part steering to the N.W.
 in sight of land Lat 14 47 S

Thursday July 6th
 Steaming to N.W. 1 P.M. put off for a shoal of
 whales at sunset came on board without break
 black skin latter part steering N.W. Lat 15 56

Friday July 7th
 Moderate steering N.W. latter part strong traded
 steering N. Low land ahead Lat 12.6

Saturday July 8th
 Steaming N.W. at 1 P.M. passed the Hornier's
 rocks 7 miles dist - saw plenty of porpoises
 day aback for the night heading off set 3 watched
 again latter part steering down past F. rocks
 Lat 11 20

Sunday July 9th
 Moderate winds steering to the N.W. latter part steering
 to the S. and N.E. close to the land and at 4 P.M. let
 go the small bower anchor in Guarmay, in 5 fms water

Monday July 10th
 All hands breaking out and cooping oil on the
 starboard side of the main Hatchway one gang
 painting

Tuesday July 11th
 Cooping finished the starboard side and broke out
 the larboard - painting

Wednesday July 12th
 Cooping and stowing on the larboard side at sunset
 finished one gang painting cooped 400 bbls

Thursday July 13th
 All hands painting ship saw a bark outside
 beating up

Friday July 14th
 Painted the stern and received a visit from
 all the girls and young of Guarmay

Ship American bound down to Fajita July

Remarks on Saturday July 15th 1843.
All hands on liberty, tied up the blacksmith
and gave him 21 lashes for preaching the doctrine
of equality on board ship at sunset found that
Sammy Mcgee, Thomas Starbuck, and
Edward More had deserted

Sunday July 16th
All hands on board waiting for wind to
go to sea

Monday July 17th Sea account
O P A got under way steering to the N.W.
with light winds. Latter part saw porpoises
Lat 8 50

Tuesday July 18th
Light winds steering N.W. painting ship about
in spots that were left in Guernsey. Latter part
hailed up the small chain and cleaned it
Lat 7 47

Wednesday July 19th
Strong trades steering N.W. painting chain
saw 3 or 4 and 500 backs plenty. Sunset
saw the Lobos Island. Latter part steering
N. thick and foggy saw point Ajuga
Lat 6 8

Thursday July 20th
Steering N. off point Ajuga O P A took in
the light sails and at 11 hauled a back
to A. A. stood in for Fajita spoke a schooner
at 11 sent in the boat found her ship
Amazon Clark D 3 mo out 100 and Hercules
Sandford 31 mo from N. Haven 1000 bbls

Friday July 21st
At 6 P.M. took the Capt on board and stood out
found letters and now if we can get 550
bbls this cruise I shall be content.
middle and latter part light winds the paddle
in sight saw a ship bound in

Saturday July 22nd
Light winds heading off picking oaks
latter part saw finbacks plenty
Lat 5 53



Ship American cruising in 6 P

Remarks on Sunday July 23 1843

Light winds heading off saw a ship latter part
saw humpbacks Lat 6 16 S

Monday July 24

Strong trades 6 P M wore in E. latter part wore
off-took in the bow boat to repair saw a ship to windward
also finbacks in abundance Lat 6 32

Tuesday July 25

Heading off 2 P M spoke the David Padlock
2 1/2 mo out 550 bls sunset shortened sail at usual
gamming latter part repairing boat steering off
to the W Lat 6 25

Long 85 20

Wednesday July 26

Finished the boat gamming with the D. Padlock
latter part steering W unbent the Fore Topsail and
repaired it Lat 6 31

Long 86 40

Thursday July 27

Steering W with strong trades sunset shortened
sail and hauled by the wing heading up 6 P M
7 A M wore in N E unbent the Main Topsail for repairs
10 spoke the Robert Edwards 2 1/2 months 1700 also
saw the President to windward. Strong winds
and squally

Friday July 28

Heading in bent the Topsail 6 P M reefed and
wore off P M passed the P E in the night 6 A M
wore in - passing squalls of drizzle Lat 6 25

Long 86 40

Saturday July 29

Strong gales heading in 5 P M passed the
Constitution of Nantucket. latter part wore off
and unbent the mainsail saw fin backs and
the Eagle to windward

Sunday July 30

Strong gales heading off bent the mainsail latter part
passed the Constitution Lat 6 57

Monday July 31

Steering W at sunset hauled back latter part heading
in repairing the Fore sail Lat 6 41

Ship American Cruising in S. I. August

Remarks on Board August 1. 1843

4 Moderate trades heading in ENE bent the Foreail
and repaired the main topsail one year ago
to days whaled were in sight where are they now?
latter part fitted a flying gaff. Lat 5 50. S
Long 86 40 W

Wednesday Aug. 2

Heading in S. I. shortened sail and wore
off 7 AM saw a cascade to windward took and
stood for it 9 took off again shifted the
starboard boat more aft. Lat 6 7

Thursday August 3

Heading off saw finbacks 6 AM wore
in shore - making a beaver out of a spare topmast

Friday August 4

Heading in NE making the beaver. latter part
wore off saw one shoal of black fish. Lat 6 26
Long 87 18

Saturday August 5

7 PM wore in and reefed the topsails as
usual latter part fitted the new beaver.

Sunday August 6

Heading in NE 6 AM took off and made all
sail saw 2 ships to windward one of them cutting. Lat 5 55

Monday Aug 7

4 heading off 4 PM spoke the Eagle 32 months
1450 Bbls the ship cutting the Robert Edwards with 1900
having taken 200 since we saw her last got a
boat destroyed and 2 men badly hurt yesterday
11 PM wore in 7 AM put off for a shoal of
whales going to windward and at 12 came on
board without any.

Tuesday Aug 8

Moderate heading off 11 PM wore in latter
part diversly saw a ship to leeward. Lat 6 17

Wednesday Aug 9

Heading in 7 AM wore off with strong winds
Lat 6 12 Long 86 9

1143 Ship American cruising in & I

Remarks on Thursday August 10th 1843.

Strong trade heading off. & Ash were in & NE quickly

Friday August 11th

Heading in all these 24 hours with nothing in sight but blue water

Lat 5 55

Saturday August 12th

& Ash were off to the SW and go in that direction all these 24 hours

Lat 6 26

Sunday August 13th

The wind blows pleasantly from the NE and our gallant ship slowly winds her way in to the land. the finback spouts and disappears beneath the blue wave while the voracious bill-fish and sportive albacore gambol around the bow, a breach and a sail are seen far away to leeward - bright sol descends beneath the horizon his daily task is done, the topails are reefed and the ship wore to the SW and then the weary mariner seeks repose nothing is heard in the dark watches of the night save the whispering of the wind and the creak of the bulkheads. day at length appears, dark clouds hang around the sky, at 10 Ash the yards are squared and the ship goes merrily before the breeze to the NW and so the day like all others comes to a close

Monday August 14th

The ship paves her way swiftly through the yielding waters. her head is to the NW, the darkness of night closes around and there is a change, the yards are braced and she gracefully bends to the blast her path is in for the land at midnight a light is seen some ship is boiling day dawned the ship (ship) is wore off and all swift made soon the cry of a sail is heard and by 9 the cry of there she blows is loudly echoed throughout the ship the boats put off in swift pursuit but in vain the day closes and no one is fast

Tuesday Aug 15

3 Ash the boats return and we gain with the Courier merchant 10 months from Ash too old, boiling heading in for the night at 7 Ash we rock off at 9 the 6 sees whales and we wear in pursuit and so ends

Lat 5 31

Ship American cruising in L. August

Remarks on Wednesday August 16th 1843.

Light and pleasant breeze the wind and the ship is still in pursuit of the courier at 6 we wear off S.W. in the morning the boats are lowered for blackfish but the fish are in their own elements and take advantage of it too.

Thursday August 17th

We are heading off to the S.W. nothing in sight but the elements as formed by nature's hand on the latter part saw a ship making motions and gave chase but it all proved to be nothing, so we started off again.

Lat 6 50

Friday August 18th

Long 85 30

Heading off S. spoke the Herald 32 mo 1000 lbs at 8 A.M. saw 2 ships to leeward, at 8 it was there she blows one mile off the quarter 2 large whales going to windward, up helm and won round stood along 3/4 of an hour saw nothing and wore in again. Unkle Fred to leeward working up, the Herald off star and a ship to windward.

Saturday August 19th

Heading in S. spoke the Sabine 37 mo out 2000 lbs at dark took in a reef latter part strong gales and somewhat squally.

Sunday August 20th

Heading off 6 A.M. saw a ship to leeward whaling kept off and at 12 put off 2 boats strong winds and very rugged.

Monday August 21st

At 3 P.M. the starboard boat took a cow to the ship, hooked on and cut her in by dark heading in latter part spoke the Aurora 38 mo 1300 cutting a 50 lb whale - so sends boiling and gamming.

Lat 5 54
Long 86. 13.Tuesday August 22nd

Heading off boiling saw 2 ships to leeward 9 P.M. cooled down latter part quidding 12 wore in.

Lat 5.45

Wednesday August 23rd

Heading in midnight passed the Aurora latter part wore off and put the oil in the sun not enough to count anything 2 ships in sight.

Ship American cruising in L.S.

Remarks on Thursday August 24th 1843.

At 5 P.M. spoke the Franklin L.S. No 1050 S.S. 6 P.M.
were inshore latter part saw plenty of blackfish

Friday August 25th

Heading in E.N.E. spoke the Niagara heading
off for the night latter part repairing the job
Lat 5 31

Saturday August 26th

L.S. spoke the Robert Edwards Burgess 26 mo
out No. latter part heading off 2 strange sail in
sight to seaward

Sunday August 27th

Heading off with all sail out light winds and
pleasant weather 2 ships to seaward 5 P.M. took
inshore the ship are the Eagle and Courier latter part
heading in

Monday August 28th

Heading in 5 spoke the Courier to mo. 400 light winds
and some drizzle Lat 5 00

Tuesday August 29th

Heading in 6 spoke the Courier again to trade the
Eagle in sight to seaward 7 A.M. went off & put off for
blackfish and the harbor and boat took one.

Wednesday August 30th

Heading off L.S. W. M. these 24 hours nothing
in sight

Thursday August 31st

Heading off L.S. spoke the Aurora with the same sail
as before 8 A.M. put off for Blackfish and took 3.
in the afternoon took 6 more. So ends the month of August
with 9 Blackfish on deck



Ship American cruising in 69 Sept

Remarks on Friday September 1st 1843

Blackfishing & sail in sight at sunset the boats came on board having taken 3 fish to each boat latter part heading in boiling out the blackfish

Lat 5 40

Long 86 50

Saturday Sept 2

Boiling spoke the Alexander - Darnin 12 mi from Bedford 600 - and Eagle heading off for the night latter part heading in gamming with the Eagle and fitting poles

Sunday Sept 3

Heading in gamming midnight were off latter part some cruise

Lat 5 20

Long 87 20

Monday Sept 4th

Heading off P.M. all these 24 hours with nothing in sight

Lat 5 57

Tuesday Sept 5th

Heading off all these 24 hours and I am about tired of writing such nonsense, where are the whales?

Wednesday Sept 6th

Heading off 7 A.M. were inshore saw a few finbacks

Long 89 40

Thursday Sept 7th

Heading in latter part took in the main sail strong trades - making canvas

Friday Sept 8th

Heading in as usual latter part saw a ship

Lat 87 45

Long 5 50

Saturday Sept 9th

1 P.M. were off & spoke the Franklin 26 mi 10 50 & P.M. were in midnight heading off again latter part strong winds and squally

Sunday 10th

Lat 6 15

Heading off 8 A.M. were inshore nothing of consequence to be seen

Ship American cruising in 7 South Sept

Forwards on Wednesday Sept 20th 1863

1 P.M. put off and at dark the Starboard and waist-boat each had a whale alongside - heeding in for the night. at 5 A.M. were round and commenced cutting the Courier to windward cutting



Thursday Sept 21st



Cutting at dark finished and made sail to the S.W. strong winds and squally weather 8 P.M. commenced boiling 6 P.M. were in N.E.

Long 89.56

Friday Sept 22nd

Boiling with strong winds and very rugged all these 24 hours

Lat 7 14

Saturday Sept 23rd

Boasting in boiling rather more moderate but still very uncomfortable 8 A.M. light winds and pleasant wore off S.S.W.

Sunday Sept 24th

Boasting off 4 P.M. cooled down and spoke the Courier with a 60 lb whale latter part the 6 in sight ahead



Monday Sept 25th

8 P.M. were in N.E. moderate, latter part cooping the oil

Tuesday Sept 26th

Cooping 4 P.M. wore ship and broke out the after hold Starboard side to stow oil and on the latter part busily employed stowing. saw the Courier to windward

13.11
1.10 Stowed
14.21 total

Lat 7 25

Wednesday Sept 27th

Boasting off finished stowing the oil and hope to have more to stow before long latter part stowing off the hatchways and cleaning ship

Lat 8 16

Long 90 59

Thursday Sept 28th

8 P.M. were in N.E. guiding as usual after a slow down

Lat 7 30

Long 90 27

43 Ship American cruising in 7 South.

Remarks on Friday September 29th 1863.
Heaving in ENE with light winds and pleasant weather
killed a hog latter part saw plenty of blackfish
Lat 7 00
Long 89 36

Saturday Sept 30th
Pleasant weather heaving in ENE saw blackfish and
finbacks. 8 A.M. tack off S.W.

Sunday October 1st 1863
Heaving off S.W. with fine winds and pleasant
weather nothing spoutable to be seen from the mast
head high 9 A.M. passed the Courier heaving in shore
Lat 8 00
Long 90 34

Monday Oct 2nd
Strong trades heaving off S.A.M. tack in ENE.
latter part saw fin backs porpoises and blackfish
Lat 8 8

Tuesday Oct 3rd
Heaving in with strong trades latter part fine and
pleasant

Wednesday Oct 4th
Pleasant heaving in latter part made all sail, people
making spray and vacuum
Lat 6 44
Long 89 45

Thursday Oct 5th
Heaving in ENE fine weather and no whales 7 A.M.
tack off
Lat 6 29
Long 88 29

Friday Oct 6th
Light winds heaving off S.S.M. put off for blackfish
starboard boat killed one and lost him. latter part
broke out and refacked the butter

Saturday Oct 7th
Heaving off 6 A.M. tack in ENE somewhat squally
Lat 6 45
Long 89 30

Sunday Oct 8th
Strong trades all this day saw finbacks plenty

Monday Oct 9th
Heaving in 6 A.M. tack off saw blackfish

Ship American cruising in 7 South Octo

Remarks on Tuesday October 10th 1843.

Strong trades heading off S.W. one sail off the key quarter. Latter part much the same split the jib and lost another.

Wednesday Octo 11th

Heading off with strong gales 7 P.M. were in latter part varnished the cabin in Lat 7° 17'

Thursday Octo 12th

Heading in with strong gales and a heavy sea on, last year at this time we were much better employed - where are the whales? Latter part saw a ship to leeward and wore off 9 P.M.
Lat 6 33
Long 87 10

Friday Octo 13th

S & P spoke the Herald did not gain. Latter part repaired the old jib

Saturday Octo 14th

Heading off with strong gales and very rugged all these 24 hours with nothing but a few blackfish to be seen
Lat 8 17

Sunday Octo 15th

Heading off in a gale of wind as usual 7 A.M. wore in the
Lat 8 32
Long 89 00

Monday Octo 16th

Heading in. We saw fin backs. Latter part saw blackfish

Tuesday Octo 17th

Heading in no sign of the gale abating. Latter part some rain squalls
Lat 6 55
Long 87 16

Wednesday Octo 18th

Heading in middle and latter part moderate sent down the S. Gallant mast and fitted a new gang of rigging
Lat 6 17

Thursday Octo 19th

Heading in with strong trades fitting the S. S. rigging and sent up the royal mast. Latter part quite moderate
Lat 6 8

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Ship American Cruising in S South

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Remarks on Friday Octo 20 1843.

Heaving in E. S. with light winds latter part saw 3 ships the Amazon Maria and Napoleon 12 mo 850
Lat 5.51

Saturday Octo 21

Heaving in S. S. saw the Maria whaling to windward and the Napoleon to leeward, L. S. put off and the Starboard boat struck and drew, the Maria took one or 2 whales and the Napoleon 2 small ones American got nothing small business.

1 A. M. wore off - 7 tack in saw the N. and Maria cutting and a strange sail to windward boiling 12 tack off - altered the forward cabin

Sunday Octo 22

Heaving off with light winds and all sail out latter part keeping sabbath
Lat 5 13
Long 85 16

Monday Octo 23

Heaving off L. S. hauled back for the night 7 A. M. squared away, saw blackfish plenty
Lat 5 16

Tuesday Octo 24

Steering N. S. hauled back heading in 4 A. M. heard spouts squared away N. - 6 A. M. hauled inshore by the wind
Lat 5 15

Wednesday Octo 25

Heaving in E. N. E. all these 24 hours saw plenty of blackfish
Lat 4 15
Long 85 20

Thursday Octo 26

Heaving in E. and E. S. middle part some rain and drizzle latter part about the same in
Lat 4.40
Long 84 24

Friday Octo 27

Heaving in E. with fine pleasant weather all these 24 hours
Lat 4 16
Long 83 36

Saturday Octo 28

Heaving in saw plenty of blackfish latter part foggy and some drizzle
Sun obscured by the fog

Ship American bound to Faiala Nov

Remarks on Sunday October 29th 1843

Heading in E and E S E with smart breezes and some fog for the last week we have had light winds and pleasant weather, working in for the land generally carrying all sail. - have seen great numbers of blackfish every day all going to windward - we have not done much business except carpentering in the cabin and varnishing the last 2 days and nights have been somewhat foggy - whales appear to be very scarce about here, at 7 A.M. tacked off heading up S S W 1/2 tack in E

Lat 4 55
Long 82 00

Monday Octo 30th

Heading in E S E with fine breezes 4 A.M. tack heading up S - daylight saw Faiala - Heeded 10 tack in E

Lat 5 14

Tuesday Octo 31st

Steering in for Faiala at sunset sent in a boat with the captain found here ship Margaret Whimpeny 26 mo from Newport got sperm and 700 whale tallow off and on for the night. 7 A.M. sent in the boat again, so returned on board - bent the cable and stowed in - at 3 P.M. came to anchor in 7 1/2 fms - at the same time the Margaret got under way and left us alone and so ends this cruise - we are 2 1/2 months from Salcahuano - have been in to Guernsey and Coopered, touched at Faiala once, seen whales 7 times, taken 3 which made about 120 bls and a dozen blackfish - we are now 23 mo out with 1200 bls in all - cleaned the outside of the ship

Remarks on Wednesday November 1st 1843

Starboard watch on Liberty the remainder painting waist and blacking the bends 3 P.M. arrived ship Archer Dickerson 27 mo from N Bedford 1650 bls

Thursday Nov 2nd

Starboard watch ashore - blacking bends and painting waist

43 Ship American Raging in Haiti

Remarked on Friday November 3 1843
Starboard watch on Liberty the other watch finished painting and coal-tarring the bends

Saturday Nov 4"
Starboard watch on Liberty the remainder of us quidding

Sunday Nov 5"
The Starboard watch ashore misset pending the Sabbath while the remainder raised guy on board and Ship Mechanic took the whole 700 M-400 Sperm

Monday Nov 6"
Starboard watch ashore on Liberty the rest of us employed as mast useful on board

Tuesday Nov 7
At 12 M took our anchor and squared away for Jumbis spoke the Mechanic Raging in quarantine - all hands breaking out for work first part of the night steering N.W. midnight veered up N.E. and at daylight hauled in E Nov 8" at 12 saw the shipping and at 5 P came too off Jumbis point in co with the Mary of Edgartown 33 mo 700 S 1000 M and Courier 500 and the Maudslayi high and dry

Wednesday Nov 9"
Boats up river wooding. Both ships sailed and left us alone.

Thursday Nov 10"
Boats crews wooding up river - got a few comoras and oysters from the beach

Friday Nov 11"
Boats wooding up river

Sunday Nov 12"
All hands on Liberty at the point raising guy

Monday Nov 13"
Built a raft of water and got it down to the point also took off some wood and plags

Ship American Sailing in Humboldt Nov.

Remarks on Thursday November 14th 1843

Took off a raft of water and stowed it away also a few boat loads of cornmeal from the point - sent a boat for oysters

Friday Nov 15th

One boat up river watering and the rest taking off wood flags and cornmeal

Saturday Nov 16th

Took off the last raft of water and stowed it - closed off the hatchways

Sunday Nov 17th

Took a couple of boatloads of wood - got a few poles - lines - and some articles from the wreck of the Nautilus and are now all ready for sea

Monday Nov 18th

First part took off a boatload of cornmeal and one of oysters for a sea stock and at 3 P M got under way and stood out - made one short tack and now for a cruise around the Gallipagos where I hope to get good bill or more

Tuesday Nov 19th

Strong trades heaving up W and NW - all hands heaving Lubbly

Lat 2 42

Wednesday Nov 20th

Heaving up W & NW middle and latter part steering S.W. Lat 2 40

Thursday Nov 21st

Strong trades steering S.W. saw pinbacks

Friday Nov 22nd

Steering S.W. & W with fine weather fitted a new davit for the bow boat Lat 3 55

Long 8800

Saturday Nov 23rd

Squaring away S.W. & S middle and latter about the same myself sick Lat 4 18 Long 8844

Ship American bound to the Galapagos 94

Remarks on Friday November 24th 1843
Steering N.W. by E and N.W. at 7 A.M. saw
Flores and Chatham Islands about 40 miles
distant and so ended steering for Chatham

Saturday Nov 25th
At 5 P.M. heaved by the wind and lay
off and on for the night and at 9 P.M.
came to anchor in wreck bay, furled
the sails and got a few Terrapin from the
beach - in the afternoon all hands sealing
except myself and I am rather too sick
for business

Sunday Nov 26th
First part one boat sealing - at 1 P.M. sent off
3 boats for Terrapin to the windward

Monday Nov 27th
The boats to windward after Terrapin - all the
invalids ashore cutting wood - took off 22 Terpin
for Mr Luce and myself from the beach

Tuesday Nov 28th
At 11 A.M. 2 boats returned with 40 Terrapin leaving
one boat on the Terrapin ground - and at 3 P.M.
both boats started again

Wednesday Nov 29th
3 boats Serpining the remainder wooding and sealing

Thursday Nov 30th
At 11 A.M. the boats returned with 88 Terrapin which
is a great plenty

Friday December 1st 1843
At 6 A.M. got under way and stood to the N.W.
by the wind employed in stowing anchors
At 10 A.M. saw spouts which turned out to be Whales
At 12 saw McGowan's reef 10 miles to windward - bearing
N.W. by W 20 miles and Charles S.W. by W.

Saturday Dec 2nd
At 6 A.M. got under way and stood to the N.W.
by the wind employed in stowing anchors
At 10 A.M. saw spouts which turned out to be Whales
At 12 saw McGowan's reef 10 miles to windward - bearing
N.W. by W 20 miles and Charles S.W. by W.

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48 Captain bought

24 Mr Luce and myself bought

22 Terrapin on deck

Ship American Cruising off the Galapagos Decr 1853

Remarks on Sunday Decr 3^d 1853 Sea account
Steering by the wind to the S.W. saw a schooner
heading for Chatham & P.M. finding we could
not weather Charles Island tacked to the N.E.
midnight tack to the S.W. & A.M. kept off and
ran to leeward of Charles Island then hauled
up by the wind - 12 tacked in N.E.

Monday Decr 4th
Heaving in N.E. 5 P.M. off Black Beach the capt
went in to get news and at 6 returned on board
heading off S.W. under short sail, 1 A.M.
tacked in N.E. latter part put a new boat
on the starboard cranes for a spare one
so ends cruising between Charles Island and
Black Beach saw blackfish

Tuesday Decr 5th
Quidding, saw finbacks. latter part fitting
the starboard boat and remove the topsail whels
cruising off black beach

Wednesday Decr 6th
off black beach in search of whales and
not finding them latter part thick off the
weather end of Charles Island

Thursday Decr 7th
Cruising in thick foggy weather - no whales
saw a few porpoises and blackfish

Friday Decr 8th
Cruising off the weather end of Charles Island
saw nothing but a seal

Saturday Decr 9th
off black beach saw a canoe fishing and
2 seal quite a circumstance - heading up
S.W. and S.W. on one tack and E on the other
under short sail every night no difficulty in keeping
to windward

Sunday Decr 10th
Cruising as usual. latter part some drove
saw Porpoises

Ship American Cruising off the Galapagos

Remarks on Monday Decr 11th 1843

Heaving in for black beach & L. H. went in with the boat and took a ride to Marianna, on a Jackass. at sunset returned on board with a shore boat to trade Bay back for the night latter part steering to the S.W.

Tuesday Decr 12th

Heaving up S.W. to L. H. back to the N.E. latter part rainy cruising to windward of Brattle Island.

Wednesday Decr 13th

Cruising in the fog to windward of Albemarle all these 24 hours with plenty of black fish and porpoises in sight.

Thursday Decr 14th

Heaving to the S.W. saw a head. Looked as natural as ever, hope to get a cut in sight of it soon if not why patience that's all. plenty more good seasons ahead and as long as we have a deck load of terrapin and fine weather with nothing to do and cant sleep who cant take comfort - during the middle and latter part quite strong showers of rain so ended off boat-cove 12 miles from the land.

Friday Decr 15th

Light winds steering off N. sunset off Christophe point, old mark in sight to leeward Bay back for the night latter part steering down before it with strong winds.

Saturday Decr 16th

L. H. off the lee end of Marborough hauled by the wind in shore and here we are again cruising off the bay as usual with the ground all to ourselves, came on whales and have your laugh forked over at sunrise saw a breach thought we had them but 'twas a mistake & squared away for N. head with strong winds, fitting the main topgallant rigging.

Ship American cruising off Lee-bay Deer

Remarks on Sunday December 17th 1853.
Strong winds steering for N Head & I M
saw the rock and hauled up in shore during
the night in the bay latter part stood out
and squared away for the rock.

Monday Decr 18th
Steering for the rock & I M 10 miles to
windward and sighted up to the E ward
nothing but sunfish or rather diamond
fish to be seen latter part cruising off
N head with strong gales

Tuesday Decr 19th
Strong gales at sunset took a reef in each
top sail latter part more moderate off Lee way

Wednesday Decr 20th
Pleasant trades off the bay with nothing in
sight all these 24 hours

Thursday Decr 21st
Fine weather off the bay latter part some
drizzle

Friday Decr 22nd
Every thing about the same as usual
latter part steering to the northward

Saturday Decr 23rd
Light air and calm steering to the N
latter part between Cape Berkeley and Abington

Sunday Decr 24th
Light air and calm saw porpoises
I M saw a bark to windward off Cape Berkeley

Monday Decr 25th
Moderate winds saw a ship at sunset N head
bore S M and in range of it the ship and
bark gunning - calm latter part repairs
boats

Tuesday Decr 26th
Saw the D. Faddack 27 mo 600 all the bars
seen yesterday was the Frigate

Ship American cruising off the Rock

Thursday Decr 26 1843 continued
The D. F. has seen no whales this change of the
moon latter part off the bay - passed the D. F. and hailed

Friday Decr 27

I spoke the D. F. again saw the Rajah
to windward and bent a new Mizen top
gallant sail latter part painted the larboard boat

Saturday Decr 28

Off North the Rajah to windward latter part painted
the waist boat saw a ship to windward

Sunday Decr 29

Off the weather bay saw the Rajah to leeward
latter part painted the bow boat and saw a school
of porpoises

Monday Decr 30

Off weather bay the Rajah to leeward - dull times
nothing to write about - and no land in sight

Tuesday Decr 31

L. F. N. spoke the Rajah West 29 mo from N.B.
900 S 600 W no land in sight latter part standing
in saw I head off the lee bow. So ends the year
of 1843 in spite of Miller - when it commenced
we were off Scarborough cruising - during the month
of Jan'y we took 250 bbls. in Feb'y nothing, in March
115 bbls. on the first of April started for Salcedo
arrived on the 20 of May having taken 85 bbls in 36 S
Left Salcedo on the 13 of June bound down the coast
saw whales twice got none, on the 9 of July anchored
in Guernsey and coopered 500 bbls lost 3 men
by desertion, ran down touched at Paita and got
3 more, started off and cruised in 8 and 86
untill the 12 of Sept'r and got nothing, then worked
up into 8 I took 110 bbls staid here 2 or 3 weeks
blowing a gale most of the time then zig zag down
to 5 and on the 31 of October went into Paita got
onions gave liberty then to Tumbis for wood and
water then to Chatham took 220 Terrapin cruised
a week off black beach and Decr 15 came round
I head and here we are 25 mo out 1300 on board
having taken 550 this year

Ship American cruising off the Gallapagos Jan'y

Remarks on Monday January 1st 1841

A happy new year to all concerned may we have a full ship at the end of it - off I head the Rajah to leeward latter part just the same

Tuesday Jan'y 2^d
off I head to windward of boat cove
latter part the Rajah to windward

Wednesday Jan'y 3^d
Nothing to write about latter part employed
in exterminating vermin and warming

Thursday Jan'y 4th
Painted bowsprit and jibbooms off weather
bay the Rajah to windward

Friday Jan'y 5th
out of sight of land all these 24 hours
Sat 1.39 9

Saturday Jan'y 6th
First part heading in at daylight saw
whales put off and the Star boat soon
took a cow alongside leaving the others
in chase



Sunday Jan'y 7th
At 3 P.M. the larboard boat came on board
having struck and drawn - 3 the waist
boat took a cow to the ship having drawn
from another - hooked on and took
them in and at midnight commenced
boiling latter part heading in
Sat 40'

Monday Jan'y 8th
Heading in boiling 7 A.M. cooled down
saw bark ahead and in we go

Tuesday Jan'y 9th
Off Leby saw breaches and ran off
a hump but saw nothing more at
daylight close under I head commenced
breaking out the oil stowed in Tarbarham
last May 6 A.M. hooked on 3 boats to off from
the land at 7 came alongside and went to

1844 Ship American cruising off the Gallipagos

Work on Tuesday Jan 9th 1844 continued work again - the captain went in to get a few fish and so ends

Wednesday Jan 10th
Coopering and stowing oil in the fore hold the Capt. returned with a dozen and half of fish middle and latter part in the bay stowing oil

1421
46
4.67
etal
Thursday Jan 11th
Finished stowing oil and grassed off we have now the fore and main hold full hope to fill the after one soon middle and latter part in the bay

Friday Jan 12th
off lee-bay looking for whales latter part off the weather end of bars

Saturday Jan 13th
off the weather end of Mark 20 miles distant 4 P M saw whales 1st part 5 part off and at midnight the larboard and waist boat each took a ball to the ship 6 A M hooked on and began to cut and so ends



Sunday Jan 14th
3 P M finished cutting and braced full heading in at 5 hauled aback off the middle of Mark boiling - at daylight saw a ship to leeward and so ends boiling

Monday Jan 15th
Boiling 4 spoke the Ocean Parker 39 mi from Mark 1000 latter part off 1 head the 6 in sight

Tuesday Jan 16th
steaming down by Mark 6 P M cooled down the works and hauled aback waiting for more whales latter part off Mark

Wednesday Jan 17th
off Mark the Ocean to windward latter part coopering the oil

Ship American cruising off the Falkland Jan 1844

Remarks on Thursday June 18th 1844

I & A spoke the beach and went in to hunt for fish & A spoke the Ganges Titman
 1467
 90
 75.57 lbs
 Total

Boat out 500 & A commenced stowing oil in the after hold starboard side and so ends off harbor

Friday June 19th

Sunset finished stowing and completely filled the starboard side & spoke the Ganges and had a game latter part strong wind steering for the rock

Saturday June 20th

Bo windward of the rock & spoke ship wingard Crocker 38 mo from Edgartown 1000 lbs latter part strong wind writing letters.

Sunday June 21st

Off harbor 4 & A spoke the Squidack having taken 1500 lbs since last gam which makes her 27p mo out 750 lbs spoke also the Ganges and wingard and had a general gam. latter part squared away for the rock and at 12 spoke the ocean but did not stop

Monday June 22nd

I & A spoke the Milton Chase 21 mo from N Bedford 200 lbs latter part steering W. and at noon lost sight of land and ships

Tuesday June 23rd

steering W. sunset hauled by the wind under short sail latter part repairing the old boat

Lat 39° S

Wednesday June 24th

Repairing boat & I & A were in shore and so we go all these 24 hours

Thursday June 25th

Heading in repairing boat. latter part steering to the north

Lat 45° S
 Long 93° 35'

Jan 44 Ship American off the Gallipagos

Remarks on Friday January 26th 1844
Steering to the N. saw 3 or 4 bottoms sunset
hauled up to the Eastward repairing boat

Saturday Jan 27th Long 92° 55' N.
Leading in repairing boat all these 24
hours - for the last week we have been
off in 94 looking for the 3 Saddacks
whales but have not seen any of them
and have repaired the old spare boat
saw no ships this week Lat 24° N.
Long 92° 21'

Sunday Jan 28th
Leading in finished the boat and put her
overhead saw the Triton to windward
at daylight off Phead 11 spoke the Abraham
starbuck 28 mo 1300 Captn Ray having sickened
and died on the 8th of Novr 1843 and buried
on the 1 head of Albermarle - 3 days after lost
another man by falling from aloft

Monday Jan 29th
off the bay gunning saw a sail to leeward
latter part bent a new spanker 3 ships in
sight

Tuesday Jan 30th
No land in sight 5 spoke the Triton having
taken 50 bbls last week latter part off Barb

Wednesday Jan 31st
Strong winds working to windward saw the
Ocean inshore - cooper employed in setting
up spooks for next whale - 6 A.M. off the
weather bay tacked off 2 ships in sight to
leeward at noon lost sight of land
and so ends the month of Jan.
when it commenced we were off Phead
and then stretched off by the wind, on the
6th took 3 small whales and on the 12th took
2 more in all making 130 bbls - on the 21st
had a general gam with the Japan fleet
and the ran off on the 3 Saddacks
ground was gone a week and when we got
back found that 200 bbls had been taken
about here in our absence. Just missed it

Ship American off the Gallipagos Feb'y

Remarks on Thursday February 1st 1844 - Lat. 12.9
 Strong winds heading off Cooper setting up
 shoots for next fair, hope it will come soon
 latter part about the same Lat 12.8

Friday Feb'y 2^d
 Light winds 6 A.M. tack in latter part
 up the old spanker Lat 12.6

Saturday Feb'y 3^d
 Strong breeze heading in E & N
 a A.M. tack off one sail astern - Scrimshaw by
 Lat 12.5

Sunday Feb'y 4th
 3 A.M. spoke the Triton having seen nothing
 latter part heading in the S in sight Lat 12.18

Monday Feb'y 5th
 Light winds heading in 6 A.M. wore off
 I head and 3 sail in sight 11 spoke the
 Eagle 7/8 m from Fairhaven 150 and
 Centurio 5 m from Sag Harbor 50 bld

Tuesday Feb'y 6th
 Fairing heading in E & N
 latter part nobody in sight

Wednesday Feb'y 7th
 Heading in 4 saw 1 head latter part
 saw a ship

Thursday Feb'y 8th
 4 spoke the Triton she saw a large whale
 yesterday - I head to leeward - latter part
 heading to the E 10 A.M. under I head
 squared away to the N

Friday Feb'y 9th
 Stearing to the N sunset hauled aback
 latter part off the lee end of Barbo
 the Triton inshore blackfishing

Ship American off the Galapagos Islands

Remarks on Saturday February 10th 1844
Light winds off shore the Triton in sight
latter part about the same plenty of porpoises

Sunday Feb'y 11th

Off shore latter part calm gunning with the Gustave
93 days from Ibarre 810 oil bound NW

Monday Feb'y 12th

I spoke the General Scott 6 mo from Fair-
-haven 80 bbls - The Triton in sight and a
stranger to leeward - latter part cleared the
stern

Tuesday Feb'y 13th

off the weather end of shore saw the Amazon
and G-Scott gunning to windward
latter part some rain 3 ships in sight

Wednesday Feb'y 14th

Light winds and some fog gunning with
the Ganges 31 mo 580. the other 2 ships to windward
latter part saw the Ganges and Amazon
steering to the N

Thursday Feb'y 15th

off weather bay the General Scott in sight
saw fin backs latter part saw the Triton
to leeward

Friday Feb'y 16th

off I head plenty of porpoises in sight
latter part calm washing ship outside one
ship to windward

Saturday Feb'y 17th

To windward of I head I spoke the St. Henrietta
6 mo 250 saw whales this forenoon hope 'twill be
our turn next saw a ship to leeward boiling
(the Ontario) middle part calm latter part
gunning ship and gunning with
the St. Henrietta steering down for the
ragged point to go fishing

Ship American off the Galapagos (Feb)

Remarks for Sunday Feb 18th 1864
 off I head yarning and fishing. Saw the
 Scott to leeward boiling having taken 2 whales
 Thursday spoke bark Indian ^{main span} 5/4 mo from
 London one blanket piece latter part off weather
 bay 4 ships in sight

Monday Feb 19th
 spoke the Ontario Gibb 8 mo from Sant 400
 the Scott to leeward boiling latter part calm
 painting ship had a flying gun the
 Scott turned up 90 blls

Tuesday Feb 20th
 Light winds painting ship middle
 and latter part fog 5 sail in sight

Wednesday Feb 21st
 finished painting and had a gun
 with the Charles 36 mo 1600 - Franklin
 29 mo 1400 - Ocean 40 mo 1500 - and the
 Ontario - at daylight 6 ships in sight

Thursday Feb 22nd
 off port spoke bark Franklin Barton 5 mo
 from Warren 100 - at daylight saw the bark
 to leeward whaling and the Ocean to windward
 running for her put off for her and
 ran until noon and so ended painted yard

Friday Feb 23rd
 At 1 P M spoke the Franklin cutting 2-40
 bl whales - squared away and ran into
 Lee bay found nothing but finbacks
 the ocean steering for the rock in search
 of the whales at sunset off the mouth
 of the bay middle part some rain

Saturday Feb 24th
 off Lee bay the F in sight boiling latter part
 calm put off and took a blackfish
 3 ships in sight

Ship American off the Falkland

Remarks on Sunday Feb 25th 1844

Light air and calm off the ice end of Newborough
bet the ice for the first time 3 sail in sight
middle and latter part calm with some
rain off the mouth of ice bay

Monday Feb 26th

Light air in the mouth of the bay
3 sail to windward latter part 4 sail in
sight at 11 AM spoke the B Franklin 200
the Aurora 38 mo 1500 in co

Tuesday Feb 27th

past 12. Saw a whale put off and chased
white 1 with 13 boats but did not strike
in the evening off ice bay gaming with
the Aurora and B Franklin the General Scott
in sight and quite handy latter part 5
sail in sight

Wednesday Feb 28th

Light air off ice bay latter part set up the
lower rigging

Thursday Feb 29th

fitting rigging 4 PM gaming with the Aurora
latter part fine breeze the land just in
sight - heading off

Friday March 1st 1844

Heading off no land in sight middle and
latter part calm repaired the M.S. sail
and altered the spanker Lat 1 19
in swimming

Saturday March 2nd

Calm latter part repairing main sail
Lat 1 44

Sunday March 3rd

Calm all hands overboard for a change of
scene 11 AM wore in SE Lat 1 55
Long 95 12

Monday March 4th

Still calm heading in repaired the F.S. sail
saw a man of war or merchantman to windward

Ship American off the Galapagos March

Remarks on Tuesday March 5th 1844Calm heading in repaired the jib
latter part quidding saw a ship 7 A.M. went
to the land so we leave the Island Lat 2 12

Long 92 28

Wednesday March 6thL & H gunnery with the Robert Edwards
barged 3 1/4 mo 2100 latter part set up to galla
rigger and made 2 brooms

Lat 2 30

Long 92 45

Thursday March 7thHeading to the S with light winds and
during the night copious shower of rain
latter part about 20 20

Lat 3 10

Long 93 15

Friday March 8thHeading up SSW shifted the top sail bent
the J. T. Lay sail more clear 2 feet &c light
winds and pleasant latter part saw
black fish and porpoises - repairing sails

Lat 3 55

Long 92 48

Saturday March 9thCalm repairing sails middle and
latter part moderate winds heading up
Land SE

Lat 4 45

Sunday March 10thHeading up S middle part rainy set 2
watches for a passage up coast latter part
strong trades Sun obscuredMonday March 11thHeading to the SSW repairing sails
latter part heading up Land SE

Lat 6 54

Long 95 36

Tuesday March 12thStrong trades heading up S midnight took
in J. T. sails latter part about the same

Lat 8 15

Long 96 45

Wednesday March 13thMore moderate set J. T. sails latter part coopered about
50 bbls salt provisions Lat 10 00 Long 97 40

Ship American bound up the coast

Remains on Thursday March 14th 1844.
Strong trades heading up SSW repairing sails
latter part quite moderate Lat 11° 30' S
Long 98° 40' W

Friday March 15th
Pleasant trades heading up SSW repairing
sails latter part heading S Lat 13° 2'
Long 99° 25'

Saturday March 16th
Heading up S and SE with all sail out
and fine pleasant trades repairing sails
latter part heading up SE Lat 14° 30'

Sunday March 17th
Pleasant trades heading up SE 3 P M saw a
pod of bull whales at 4 P M put off for them the
waist boat struck, broke 2 broad cut one
warp and lost the whale came on board
heading to the SE for the night, 7 A M
tack to the SE. 8 saw whales and about 10 put
off for them so ends one boat fast
Lat 14° 20'
Long 99° 52'

Monday March 18th
At 1 P M the Larboard boat took a young bull
alongside hooked on and cut him in and at
sunset filled away heading up SE & E 10 P M
commenced boiling latter part heading to the
SE
Lat 15° 2'
Long 99° 58'

Tuesday March 19th
Heading to the SE boiling with light trades
and pleasant. 7 A M cooled down and were
heading up SE Lat 14° 30'
Long 99° 53'

Wednesday Mar 20th
Heading up SSW latter part soaped the oil
but I am a little before my story for at 2 A M
we tack to the N and at 3 took in light sail
blowing quite strong at 7 tack to the SE again
and so we go in Lat 15° 54'
Long 99° 53'

Ship American bound up the coast March

Remarks on Thursday March 21st 1844

Heading up S.E. broke out some salt provision and stowed it between decks. Latter part stowing oil abreast of the pumps on the L side

15.57
30 Stowed

75.87 Total

Lat 16 51 S
Long 99 41 W

Friday Mar 22

Finished stowing at 3 P.M. light winds heading up S.E. latter part repairing sails

Lat 18 24
Long 99 28Saturday March 23rd

Heading up S.E. latter part strong winds parted the fore top gallant back stay and took in light sails also finished repairing sails

Lat 19 35
Long 99 2Sunday March 24th

Heading up S.E. fitted a new set of J. & S. backstays and set the light sails latter part light winds

Lat 21 27
Long 98 51Monday March 25th

Light winds heading up S.E. latter part nearly calm setting and fitting bowsprit rigging

Tuesday March 26th

Nearly calm latter part quite squally unben't the sprisen top tail and shortened it on the head

Lat 22 31

Wednesday Mar 27th

Calm latter part a light breeze heading up S.E. altered the Santer Lat 23 41

Long 99 1

Thursday March 28th

Light winds heading up S.E. & E. fitting Spanker latter part quite strong winds

Lat 23 53
Long 98 43Friday March 29th

Strong winds and rain squalls took in light sails and set them again heading up from S.W. to S.E. Lat 25 5

Long 99 00

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Ship American bound up the coast

Remarks on Saturday March 30 1844
Light winds heading up S.E. or thereabouts
all hands quidding middle part and also the
latter the wind quite baffling in Lat 25 53 and
Long 99 32 W

Sunday March 31st
Light winds and baffling S.W. tack in heading
up E. middle and latter part heading E. S. and
E. S. E. with strong winds saw Lat 26 6
Jumpees Long 98 25

Monday April 1st 1844
Strong winds heading up E. S. 7 A.M.
wore ship heading up S.W. saw a sail steering
to the W. making signal haliards in
saw a shoal of jumpers jumping Lat 26 29
Long 97 40

Tuesday April 2nd
Strong winds from S.E. and heavy sea on
at 1 P.M. carried away the fly jib boom, hauled
in the wreck and took in 19 sails at 2 doubled
reefed and at 6 took in the mainsail and
got the ship pitching very heavy in middle and
latter part rather more moderate made some
sail Lat 27 27
Long 98 18

Wednesday April 3rd
Strong gales heading up S at daylight quite
unbearable made all sail heading up S.E.
spliced the jib boom and got it ready to send
out Lat 29 3
Long 98 13

Thursday April 4th
Light winds heading up S.E. & E. (and E.S.E.)
latter part sent out the fly jib boom and set
the sail Lat 30 10
Long 96 40

Friday April 5th
Light winds steering E. S. one point free
fitted a topmast studding sail
latter part some rain wind at N.W.
set the larboard studding sail and
away we go for Mazatlan
Lat 31 3
Long 94 57

Ship American bound up the coast April

Remarks on Saturday April 6th 1844Fine breeze from N.W. steering E. & S.
with all sail out latter part repaired the
N.E. sailLat 31.57 S
Long 93.4 WSunday April 7thLight air from N.W. steering E. & S.
latter part strong winds from N.W.Lat 32.37
Long 91.30Monday April 8thStrong winds from N.W. steering E. & S.
with all sail out latter part steering E
wind W with some rain inLat 33.30
Long 89.21Tuesday April 9thStrong breeze from N.W. steering E. but the
N.E. sail. 10 A.M. wind came to SLat 33.44
Long 87.49Wednesday April 10thLight winds from S.E. heading E. & S. N.
Saw breacher think they are Finners jumping
took in the light sails and let her go
under 3 topsails with a heavy swell from the
S latter part rainy and variable winds

Sun obscured

Thursday April 11thSome rain with light winds from the S.E.
working to the E. under short sail looking
for a whale as on this ground they are often
found and last year when we were here
we got one near this place. We set light
sails with a pleasant gale at 7 o'clock in
the morning with the wind S.E. the ship
going E or 2 points farther North which
in seamen's speech is E.N.E. and
having no work to keep people about
we spend the day in quiddingLat 33.20
Long 85.41

1844 Ship American bound up the coast

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Remarks on Friday April 12th 1844

The wind SE or thereabout with most all sail set were heading in sharp on the wind at 6 P.M. the light sails we took in not wishing to go fast as whales might be passed while the sun is below the horizon - at 5 A.M. we were round heading up SE and a little before 10 saw whales which we put off for and so ended with one boat fast and very rugged weather

Saturday April 13th

2 P.M. Larboard boat took a ball to the ship and at 5 the other boats got on board. strong winds and rain during the night heading to the N wind ENE and NE 6 A.M. wore to the S and began to cut - had the body in very rugged carting indeed



Sunday April 14th

Hooked on the head and took it in and braced full heading to the S built a fire but it coming on raining and equally cooled down saw a Thermie brig heading to the Southward 10 P.M. clear weather commenced boiling and on the latter part had light winds and very pleasant

Dat 34.1

Long 86-3

Monday April 15th

Light winds from the E heading to the S boiling saw blackfish and porpoises middle and latter part calm & finished boiling and cooled down with a light breeze from SW steering E.

Dat 34.00

Tuesday April 16th

Fine breeze from the SW steering to the E under the topsails without any reef during the first watch for fear of the wind 2 reefs were tied in - and at break of day we were going on our way with a strong wind from SSE

Dat 34.9

Ship American cruising in St P

April

Remarks on Wednesday April 17th 1844

15.87
56
16.4.3

Heaving in by the wind. blowing strong from E. S. E. Cooped oil, and saw a sail, steering down before it. Saw white water, right ahead. let out a reef, and set the jib, but saw no more of it.

During the night, the wind was light, with quite a heavy swell, at 6 A.M. broke out the hold, and stowed the oil between decks.

on the starboard side, 2 tier wide, just abaft the fore hatchway.
Lat 33.10 S
Long 84.3 W

Lower hold full

Thursday April 18th

Calm at daylight a light breeze from N.W. squared the yards made some sail and kept her E. one sail in sight standing to the S. to end. Sun obscured

Friday April 19th

1 P.M. spoke the Catawba Colman & Co from Nantucket 70 Hls. Saw another sail to the S.W. light air from the N. heading to the S. latter part nearly calm

Lat 33.40
Long 82.50

Saturday April 20th

Light air from the E. heading to the N.E. midnight heading up & double reefed latter part strong gales and squally took in mainsail jib and topsail at noon set the topsail in

Lat 33.33
Long 82.10

Sunday April 21st

Strong gales and squally, under reefed topsail heading up E. N.E. on the starboard tack middle part some rain 6 A.M. made some sail and wore ship heading up S.E.

Lat 33.22

Monday April 22nd

Moderate winds heading up S.E. middle and latter part nearly calm fixing the rigging over the bow

Lat 33.55
Long 82.20

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 44 Ship American cruising off Massafuero

Remarks on Tuesday April 23rd 1844.
 Light airs from S.W. heading to the N.E.
 with nothing in sight worthy of notice
 & a strong wind from W. heading to the
 S. so spoke the Elisa Adams & Holley
 23 mi from F. Heaven 1300 and squared
 away N.E. & E. Lat 34.25 D



Wednesday April 24th
 Sailing 1 P.M. saw Massafuero bearing
 N.E. & N. just above the horizon saw a fin back
 and hauled by the wind heading N.W.E.
 & P.M. double reefed and at daylight we
 were laying under a close reefed top sail
 heading to the N.W. blowing quite a
 smart gale saw the E.A. to leeward

Thursday April 25th
 Weather more moderate set the top sails reefed
 and fore sail wore to the S. latter part saw
 the E.A. to leeward Lat 34.35
 Long 79.50

Friday April 26th
 Quite moderate saw Massafuero bearing N. and
 squared away E. & P.M. wore to the N.
 middle and latter part calm Lat 34.20
 Long 80.28

Saturday April 27th
 Calm Massafuero bearing N. all these 24 hours
 Lat 34.27

Sunday April 28th
 Calm all these 24 hours Mass. bearing N. 35 miles
 saw porpoises Lat 34.20

Monday April 29th
 Calm. middle part a light breeze latter
 saw a ship and brig Lat 34.32

Tuesday April 30th
 Light winds from NW working up for
 Massafuero - it bearing N.E. 30 miles or thereabout
 Lat 34.15

Ship American Cruising off Massapequa May

Remarked on Wednesday May 1st 1844
 fishing Moderate winds and pleasant weather
 working up for Massapequa which bears N. by N.
 15 or 20 miles dist wind from the Wand N. by N.
 at 6 A.M. sent in 2 boats for fish
 and so ended

Thursday May 2nd
 5 P.M. the boats returned with plenty
 of fish and 3 dozen Cray fish heading
 to the S for the night at 10 A.M. wore to the
 W with the wind S. at noon Massapequa
 bore S.W. 20 miles dist

Friday May 3rd
 Steaming along to the N. of the island
 at sunset it bore S.E. and at day light
 out of sight Lat 33.48

Saturday May 4th
 Light winds from S.E. heading up
 S.W. 7 A.M. saw whales and put off for them
 so ended with one boat fast



Sunday May 5th
 Light winds from S.E. at 1 P.M. the
 Bow boat took a bull alongside hooked on
 and cut him in by 7 and braced full
 heading up S.W. at daylight nearly calm
 saw a merchant ship steering N.W.
 wore round heading in E. boiling

Monday May 6th
 Nearly calm heading in E.S.E. boiling
 latter part heading up S.

Tuesday May 7th
 Heading up S.W. wind W 6 P.M. under
 close S. Sloop and Forehaul boiling with
 a strong breeze and some little rain 11 P.M.
 cooled down latter part strong winds
 steering S.E. Lat 35.17

U.S.S. Ship American cruising off Massapequa

Remarks on Wednesday May 8th 1861
Moderate winds from W and S E with a heavy
swell heading to the E under short sail
Latter part cooped the oil Lat 35 3 D

Thursday May 9th
Moderate winds from the E heading to the N
middle part some rain and on the latter
16.43 Stowed the oil between decks on the S side abast
57 Stowed the rest Lat 34 45
7.00 total

Friday May 10th
Light air and calm, cleaning up about decks
Latter part Massapequa bearing N 45 miles distant
Lat 34 30

Saturday May 11th
Light winds from the W latter part some
rain

Sunday May 12th
Strong winds from the S working to the W and
middle and latter part light air
Lat 34.19
Long 81.39

Monday May 13th
Light air from the S heading to the W
middle and latter part strong wind

Tuesday May 14th
Strong gales from the S saw a ship at
5 P.M. and on the latter part passed
handly to her Lat 33 27

Wednesday May 15th
5 P.M. spoke the Catawba 5 mo 300 having
taken 200 since last gun at 9 A.M. saw
the C making signals for rotabed ran for
her and soon saw them ourselves at 11 put
off and so ended in chase with the wind
moderate from S S W Lat 33.40

Ship American cruising off Mattapunga Bay

Remarks on Thursday May 16th 1844
 Commenced with light winds in chase the
 Catawba also after the whale about 3 P.M.
 the waist boat struck. the other boats then came
 up and fastened to the whale while working
 round him he ran his head against the
 bow boat on the starboard bow lifted her
 head out of the water and knocked every man
 out over the starboard side at the same time
 he shoved his head under the boat and
 the Francisco Bartolo the 3rd mate, most probably
 fell into his jaws and was killed as we saw
 no more of him - the others were all safely picked
 up and the boat we found ^{to be} scarcely cracked
 upon going up to the whale in order to kill
 him found that no boat could get within
 dart of him with safety as he started for
 them as soon as they came within hail.
 Mr. Tuce then cut off and went on board when
 they ran the ship down alongside of the
 whale and killed him in that manner
 at sunset took him alongside and lay
 heaving to the S.E. wind S.W.

Thus has one of our number been called to appear
 before his maker without a moments warning
 and may it prove a warning to us all to
 make our peace with God while it is yet day
 and the lamp of life is still burning -
 It seems hard that in the prime of life to
 be taken away all unprepared to meet a just
 God - but thy will O Lord be done and may
 I be able to subdue this rebellious heart of mine
 and give all up to thee knowing that all
 is ordered for the best and for thy glory

At daylight hooked on and at 12 had
 him all in saw a ship to windward
 most probably the Catawba so ends
 with quite a strong breeze from S.W.

14 Ship American Cruising off Massapequa

Remarks on Friday May 17th 1844

Made sail heading to the E & E. at 4 P.M.
commenced boiling latter part saw the B-12
to leeward Sun Obs

Saturday May 18th

Moderate winds heading to the S.E. boiling
latter part finished heading up S wind W
Lat 34.00 D

Sunday May 19th

Light winds and heavy swell to wire to the
W N.W. latter part light wind from W heading
to the N Lat 33.51

Monday May 20th

Light winds from the W to wire to the
and lay aback latter part coopered the B-12
saw Massapequa bearing about N.E. saw finches

Tuesday May 21st

6 P.M. wire to the N wind W at daylight
strong gale squared away E & E and commenced
stowing the oil between decks - saw Massapequa
bearing N.N.E. and a French man of war steering
to the E.

Wednesday May 22nd

Strong gale steering S.E. & E. finished stowing
and cleaned up latter part moderate made all
sail Lat 35.10
Long 78.34

Thursday May 23rd

Moderate winds from W steering S.E. & E
at night under short sail latter part
strong gale from W N.W. steering E.
Lat 36.33
Long 76.30

Friday May 24th

Strong gales 6 P.M. hove to under bare poles
heading up N 10 P.M. the gale abated and
it squared away again 6 A.M. latter part
strong winds from W.S.W. Lat 36.28
Long 74.15 at 4 P.M.

Ship American in Palcahuano 3 time June

Remarks on Saturday May 25th 1844

Strong winds from P.W. steering E. 6 A.M. 6 P.M.
took in all sail except a double reefed M. Top sail
and at 10 P.M. hauled by the wind at 6 A.M.
squared away E. and made sail at 9 saw the
Island of Concepcion bearing E. at 12 light winds
made all sail steering for Quiriquena at 7
passed the point and at 1/2 past 10 came to
with the small anchor in 12 fms. opposite the
S. end of the Island - rolled up the sails and
turned in - at 7 A.M. hove up shifted

Sunday May 26th

Light airs from the S. 7 A.M. hove up
shifted the anchors and stood for the town
and at 12 let go the sheet anchor in 3 1/2
fms - found there the beaver Parker
43 mo 1500 for home - we are 30 mo 1650 on board

Monday May 27th

Light airs from the S. at 8 A.M. took ashore
15 casks and filled them and took them in
before noon - latter part setting up shrouds
and fitting water casks - Secured the Bends

Tuesday May 28th

Took ashore 18 casks and filled them
also blacked the starboard Bends remainder
of the day stowing water &c. so ends of 9999

Wednesday May 29th

First part some rain one watch on Liberty
the rest of us fitting water casks and quidding

Thursday May 30th

One watch ashore the other stowing water and
blacking Bends - light airs from the S.

Friday May 31st

Light airs from the N. one watch ashore the other
filled and took off 17 casks of water 4 P.M.
arrived Ship Calcutta 34 mo 300 - having lost
a boat on the 15th inst by a jaw breaker.

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44 Ship American in Palcahuano 3 time

Remarks on Saturday June 1st 1844.
Light air from S one watch ashore, took off some
beef and flour and painted the waist

Sunday June 2^d
One watch ashore light winds from the N
This makes my 26 birth day who can tell where
I shall be the next 2^d of June

Monday June 3^d
A brisk breeze from the S one watch ashore
the other taking off wood and quidding

Tuesday June 4th
Saw one watch on Liberty the other taking
off wood and potatoes - at sunset a light
wind from the S

Wednesday June 5th
One watch ashore the other taking off potatoes

Thursday June 6th
Wind from the S and foggy one watch ashore
Mills and Mac missing - the rest of us
quidding

Friday June 7th
Moderate Norther wind plenty of rain
lowered no boat to day the watch ashore getting
off in other boats Mills returned

Saturday June 8th
Moderate Norther one watch ashore the rest
doing about nothing

Sunday June 9th
One watch ashore Wind N and rain plenty

Monday June 10th
Took off a small raft of water some light
rain

Tuesday June 11th
One watch ashore the rest of us taking in wood
and potatoes

Ship American leaving Talcahuano June

Remained on Wednesday June 13th 1844.
Moderate winds from the E sent 2 boats
down to the passage and towed up the wood
that we have waited 2 weeks for

Thursday June 12th
Light winds from W & taking off one
thing and another and at 2 P.M. got
way in co with the ocean and ketch
at 4 P.M. while working out over on the
Penco shore struck on a sand bar
and stuck fast ran a kege out and
hove her off in a few minutes and
at midnight were in the mouth of
the passage so ended

Friday June 14th
Strong winds from the N with rain and
fog 5 A.M. double reefed heading to the
W for Juan to land Messrs. Shattuck
Barnfield and Stearns and Co who are
to colonise the Island - while in Talcahuano
we discharged George Kanaka - Taylor
and Long Jack who is sick in the hospital
Mac he ran away and we have shipped
Mr Lewis for 3 Mate and for cook we
have got the one we discharged last year
Paita Co and Bob have also shipped which
completed our number and so ended
stowing away anchors.

Saturday June 15th
Strong further heading to the W. 1/2 past
12 took in all but close N top sail and
stay sail latter part set close reefed top sails
and foresail heading up P.M.

Sunday June 16th Sun Obscured
More moderate heading up 9 A.M. 7 A.M. wore
round heading up N.N.W. and made
some sail
Lat 36.56
Long 74.35

Ship American Juan Hernandez

Remarks on Monday June 17th 1824

Strong winds from NW heading up N.W.
 latter part quite moderate
 Lat 35.50
 Long 75.1 1/2

Tuesday June 18th

Moderate heading up N.W. latter part
 all sail out steering NW by N repairing the
 emigrants boat
 Lat 34.30
 Long 76.23

Wednesday June 19th

Strong breeze from S.W. steering NW by N
 with all sail out. 6 A.M. strong N.E. gale saw
 Juan bearing NW by N hauled up for the lee point
 and at 10 sent in the boat with the passengers
 and their baggage and so ends lying off

Thursday June 20th

Strong S.E. gale at 3 P.M. the boat came on
 board with a load of green-spid-timber &c
 and we squared away N.W. by W 6 P.M. took
 reef in the topsails and so we go flying
 dead before it
 Lat 31.34
 Long 79.18

Friday June 21st

Strong S.E. gales steering NW by W very rugged
 nobbly at all and of course nothing in sight
 latter part more moderate made some sail
 Lat 29.16

Saturday June 22nd

Pleasant trades steering NW by W latter
 part repairing the bow boat
 Lat 27.35

Sunday June 23rd

Light trades steering to the N. saw Kithers
 at daylight saw the St. Felix Islands and at 12
 they bore about NW by W. light air and calm

Monday June 24th

Light air and calm steering NW by W
 latter part wind from S.W. the Islands
 in sight to windward - repairing the
 old boat - and so ends this page
 may there be a whale on the next

Ship American cruising off St. Felix July

Departed on Tuesday June 25th 1844
 Light airs from S.W. heading to the N.W.
 St. Felix in sight to windward latter part
 saw killers heading to the N.W.
 Lat 25 33.9

Wednesday June 26th
 Pleasant trades keeping the coast
 boat saw fin backs latter part heading up
 S.W.
 Lat 26 21
 Long 81 36

Thursday June 27th
 Moderate heading up S.W. all these 24 hours
 sun obscured

Friday June 28th
 Light trades heading to the S.W. latter part
 about calm
 Lat 26 42

Saturday June 29th
 Light trades ^{from N.W.} steering to the N.E. and E.N.E.
 latter part strong winds fin backs plenty
 at noon saw St. Felix Island bearing about
 E.

Sunday June 30th
 Strong gales from N.W. and W. steering E. saw a Brig
 5 P.M. passed to the south of the Island and hauled
 up E.N.E. some rain latter part fine winds
 W.S.W. made all sail
 Lat 26 9
 Long 77 54

Monday July 1st 1844
 Steering E.N.E. with a fine wind from
 W.S.W. sunset shortened sail as usual
 latter part light winds from E. steering N.E.
 Lat 25 42

Tuesday July 2nd
 Steering N.E. with strong winds from
 S.E. latter part painted the boats
 Lat 24 26
 Long 76 55

Wednesday July 3rd
 Steering N.E. with strong S.E. winds saw
 black fish latter part about the same
 Lat 23 15

Ship American bound down the coast

Remarks on Thursday July 4th 1844

Strong winds from S Steering N.E.
 and on the latter part keeping 4th of July all alone
 by ourselves = how different from the 4th 3 years
 ago and shall I ever spend another in Falmouth
 again? who knows? If I could reach home
 once more I think I will be a case of
 necessity that sends me whaling again
 but God's will be done, I am willing to commit
 myself to his guidance well knowing that he
 can do for us and will do all for the best

Lat 22.13 S
 Long 71.39 W

Friday July 5th

Light winds from S Steering N.E. saw blkp
 at daylight saw the land and squared away
 N.W. painting spare boat

Saturday July 6th

Light trades Steering S.S.W. the land
 in sight latter part saw abundance of porpoise
 bent the old main top sail and repaired the other
 Lat 20.43

Sunday July 7th

Steering N.W. shifted the fore sail middle
 and latter part light airs and calm
 Sun Obscured at 12

Monday July 8th

Nearly calm steering S.W. latter part
 shifted the B. top sail and repaired it Calm

Tuesday July 9th

Calm or near it - repaired the fore sail latter part
 cleaning iron work - put off for sun fish 2 se

Wednesday July 10th

Light airs and calm blacking iron work
 saw grampusses and killert and sun fish
 Lat 19 30

Thursday July 11th


Calm Calm Calm midnight took light
 trades - latter part cleaning and painting
 the small chain
 Lat 19 00

Long 72.19

Ship American working down the coast July

Remarks on Friday July 12th 1844
Light trades Steering N.W. clearing chain
cables latter part fitting rigging fin backs
in abundance Lat 18.6

Saturday July 13th
Light trades fitting rigging Steering N.W.
7th A.H. spoke for Brittan's Majesty's frigate
(Piquard) Frigate looking for the Blockading Squadron
Lat 17.30
Long 73.50

 Sunday July 14th
Steering N.W. saw a turtle and breck
latter part saw a brig heading to the N.W.
some rain and fin backs in Lat 16.36
Long 75.33

Monday July 15th
At 1 P.M. hauled by the wind to the N.E.
shortened sail at about that is a reef in the
top sail 10 A.M. saw the land in
Lat 15.19

Tuesday July 16th
D.F. the land 4 miles dist tack off
latter part tack in and made the land in
Lat 16.11

Wednesday July 17th
Steering N.E. the land in sight 6 P.M. were
off and lay aback latter part stood in again
and saw plenty of blackfish

Thursday July 18th
Light trades sunset bore off and lay aback
latter part stood in again and at 12 being within
7 miles of the land and seeing no whales
squared away N.N.W. Lat 15.20

Friday July 19th
Strong winds 6 miles from the land steering N.W.
and N.W. midnight hauled aback heading off
latter part heading up S.W. Lat 15.91

Saturday July 20th
Heading off 6 P.M. were in latter part saw
the land in Lat 14.55

Ship American cruising in L.P.

Remarks on Sunday July 21st 1846
 Proceeding in saw a school of Hump backs 5 wore off
 the land 5 miles dist. in sight of this place, we
 saw whales last year and year before, shall we
 see any this? I am afraid not, very dry pickings
 latter part strong winds and falling squalls
 Lat 15.15

Monday July 22nd
 Strong gales heading off N.W. the land in sight
 latter part saw humpbacks and wore in E.N.E.
 Lat 15.37

Tuesday July 23rd
 Proceeding in latter part steering off N.E. the land
 in sight Lat 14.48

Wednesday July 24th
 Moderate the land 10 miles dist. steering down
 along shore 6 P.M. hauled off by the wind
 latter part took up some of the sheathing

Thursday July 25th
 6 P.M. wore in E.N.E. latter part the land in
 sight wind light Lat 14.10

Friday July 26th
 Steaming down along shore 6 P.M. hauled off
 San Gallan 5 miles dist. 6 A.M. squared away
 N.W. in search of something Lat 13.56

Saturday July 27th
 Steaming off latter part light air course N.W.
 making Sprungarn Lat 13.24

Sunday July 28th
 Steaming N.W. and N.W. with light air
 saw blackfish latter part saw several
 swordfish put off and struck one but drewed
 and lost him Lat 12.47
 Long 78 1/2

Monday July 29th
 Steaming N.W. 2 P.M. saw a whale, out of the Barbara
 boat brought him to the ship. 6 A.M. hooked on
 and at 12 had his body in strong winds
 and rugged parted one fall but damaged
 no one -



Ship American Cruising off Callao August

Remarks on Tuesday July 30th 1844
Strong trades cutting 3 P.M. made sail to the NW
and at 4 commenced hoisting latter part rugga

Wednesday July 31st
Strong trades and rugga weather hoisting
8 P.M. bore in shore wind so ends

Thursday August 1st 1844
Heaving in hoisting 10 P.M. cooled down
latter part moderate breeze sail and saw finbacks

Friday August 2^d
Heaving in NE. latter part wore to the NW
and commenced cooping the oil
Lat 12° 24'

Saturday August 3^d
Finished cooping and broke out the after
hold to stow oil at 2 saw whales put off for
them but they proved to be humpbacks so
at 4 came on board and finished stowing
off the after hold so all 3 hatchways are
now full - latter part stowed the remainder
between decks

17.64
96

18.60 Total

Sunday Aug 4th
Heaving in cleaning ship 6 P.M. squared
away NW latter part saw finbacks
and blackfish in
Lat 11° 30'
Long 82° 25'

Monday Aug 5th
Steering NW with some drift
latter part finbacks in great plenty
Lat 10° 42'
Long 83° 16'

Tuesday Aug 6th
Steering NW with some gain and
plenty of finbacks in sight Lat 9° 36'

Wednesday Aug 7th
Steering NW latter part saw a 16 Brig
heaving to the NW
Lat 8° 30'

44 Ship American cruising down in 6 and 8.6

Remarks on Thursday August 8th 1864
 Moderate steering NW 6 F H hauled aback
 heading off latter part steering down NW
 with finbacks and blackfish in great
 plenty.

Friday Aug 9th
 Stearing NW with light winds people
 employed in knutting yarns cooper fitting
 barrels and the rest of us doing what is
 most needfull 6 F H hauled off by the
 wind latter part squared away again and
 went to work making rattin stuff.
 Saw finbacks blackfish and a sunfish
 but no sperm whales in. Lat 7 46
 Long 85.54

Saturday Aug 10th
 Stearing NW at 6 hauled in shore
 making rattin stuff. saw plenty of finbacks

Sunday Aug 11th
 Stearing NW quibbling sunsett hauled
 aback heading in waiting for whales
 which appear to have deserted the coast
 taking all the ships with them.
 latter part steering off NW again
 Lat 6 45

Monday Aug 12th
 At 6 F H hauled up in shore with moderate
 winds coopers fitting casks for a whale
 when we get him saw finback Lat 5 50
 Long 86.15

Tuesday Aug 13th
 Heading in E NE and NE 6 wore off
 latter part about so so and so Lat 5.4 8
 Long 86.27

Wednesday Aug 14th
 Heading off finback and blackfish plenty
 latter part steering off NW Lat 6 55
 Long 88.40

Ship American cruising in band 86 August

Remarks on Thursday August 15th 1864
Steering NW 6 A.M. hauled up in shore
nothing in sight. Latter part every thing but
Spermacetta in sight Lat 6.9.

Friday Aug 16th
Heading in NE. Scrimshouting
Latter part put off for a sword fish but did
not strike. So ended light air and calm

Saturday Aug 17th
Light winds heading in ENE 7 A.M.
tack off Lat 5.20

Sunday Aug 18th
Light winds heading off nothing to do
but Scrimshout where are the whales
I am afraid we shall make a poor season
of it yet but all's for the best Latter
part about 20 to 30 Lat 5.52

Monday Aug 19th
Heading off with pleasant trade nothing
in sight but blue water and skipjacks
how different the ground looks from
what it was last year and year before
then there were either ships or whales but
now all are gone. no cries of sail or
there she blows. to enliven the scene and
if I was not sure that all is for our good
I should be nearly discouraged. perhaps
the time will come yet when I shall be
able to give up these long unprofitable cruises
and do something more like business.
but never mind, perhaps my days are nearly
run and then good bye pain and trouble.
I know in whom I trust. on the latter
part saw finbacks killers and blackfish
also wore in shore at 6 A.M. for some
bunches but they were all trash and
so ended this 19th hour as usual

Ship American cruising in bunch 86

Remarks on Tuesday August 20th 1854
 Pleasant trades heading in 6 P.M. wore off S.W.
 latter part saw fin backs plenty in Lat 6 28th
 Long 89.8 W

Wednesday Aug 21st
 heading off S.W. saw fin back all hands
 scrimshawing and blasp-smithing
 7 A.M. wore in shore and so we go

Thursday Aug 22nd
 Light winds heading in N.E. fin backs
 breaching ahead. 8 A.M. was heard the cry
 from mast head high - The joyful thrills below
 A sperm whale spout, I have no doubt
 to theeward how she goes
 Then two in line, up craft, jump fore and aft
 all hands from glory below
 And see all clear the whale we near
 She is 2 points off the lee bow
 main yard haul aback it's done with a crack
 They had no fear not danger
 Quick lower away show her fair play
 And welcome back the stranger
 But just then he perceived something and
 away he started with the boats after him
 so ended these 24 hours 10 miles from the
 ship in a dead calm.



Friday Aug 23rd
 Calm at 11 P.M. the boats got alongside
 with the whale fast to the waist boat
 at 7 A.M. hooked on and took in the body by
 noon - Moderate trades Lat 6 23rd
 Long 89.23

Saturday Aug 24th
 cutting 1/2 past 5 made sail heading in N.E.
 boiling latter part saw black fish and fin backs
 Lat 5 58th

Sunday Aug 25th Long 88.55
 Light winds heading in N.E. boiling all the
 24 hours Lat 5.37

Ship American cruising in band 86 August

Remarks on Monday August 26th 1864
Light air heading in boiling 6 P.M. tack
off and at 10 cooled down the work at 6 A.M.
Saw a pod of whales going to windward
put off but could not get near them
and at 11 came on board in Lat. 6 12 S
Long 89 16 W

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Tuesday Aug 27th
Moderate heading up 11 P.M. tack
in E N E and on the latter part
cooled the oil at 11 A.M. saw sprouts
about 1000 off but could not find
any thing in our line of business

Wednesday Aug 28th
Strong trades heading up. Stowed a
few barrels of oil in the rear latter part
stowed the oil between decks the whale
made 53 bl of head to 38 of body quite a large
bump he had - we are now full from the
fore to the main hatchway and 300 more
will fill us up hope we shall get it soon
so that we can steer for home

Thursday Aug 29th
Strong trades 2 P.M. wore ship in shore and
cleaned up about decks plenty of blackfish
and dolphin around, they want fill us up
latter part about the same in
Lat 6 42

Friday Aug 30th
Strong trades heading in saw finback
breaching latter part quite moderate
Lat 6 8
Long 88 39

Saturday Aug 31st
Heading in saw a ship to windward
quite a strange occurrence 7 A.M. tack off
and so ends the month of August
with finbacks sporting all around
Lat 6 18 Long 88 37
H. M. Gifford

44 Ship American Cruising in band 86

Remarks on Sunday September 1st 1844
 Light trades heading off nothing in sight - can't
 see less that is some comfort 71° I took
 in E N E and on the latter part saw
 a dead blackfish Lat 6.8

Monday Sept 2nd
 Pleasant trades heading in E N E. taking
 all the comfort we can which is far more
 than I took last voyage - truly I can
 say my lot has been cast pleasantly
 this time - how mysterious are the ways
 of a protecting and kind providence -
 may I ever feel grateful for all mercies
 latter part still heading in with plenty of
 finbacks in sight Lat 5 40
 Long 87 11



Tuesday Sept 3rd
 Light airs heading in E N E wet the air
 between decks for the first time - a little
 after 5 P M saw a school of cows and calves
 put off for them and the Starboard and Bow
 each struck but only saved the last one
 which we took to the ship at 7 P M -
 day light hooked on and at 8 had him in
 at the same time saw more whales
 put off for them and so ends in chase



Wednesday Sept 4th
 At 5 P M the bow boat took a cow alongside
 heading in aback for the night boiling
 latter part cut her in and wore off
 blackfish in great abundance

Thursday Sept 5th
 Light trades heading off boiling blackfish
 very plenty latter part finished boiling
 passing squalls of disorder and so ends
 this page

Ship American, cruising in band 86 Sept

Remarks on Friday September 6th 1844.

Moderate winds and passing squalls heading off S.W. nothing in sight to disturb the water but shipjacks - Latter part strong trades coopered the bill and got ready for stowing

Saturday Sept 7th

19.41
47
19.88
Total

Stowed the oil on the starboard side of the chain pen - 6 P.M. tack in E.N.E. with strong winds and something of a swell - Latter part saw a breach astern wore and ran for it 2 hours but seeing nothing hauled up inshore again

Lat 6.00 S
Long 88.00 W

Sunday Sept 8th

Strong trades heading in E.N.E. nothing in sight and nothing to do but scrimshont Latter part just about the same

Lat 5 42
Long 87 28

Monday Sept 9th

Strong trades heading in E.N.E. 6 P.M. took a reef in the topsails the first time we have had occasion to reef since July 7 A.M. tack off and made sail with moderate winds and pleasant weather

Lat 5.45
Long 86.56

Tuesday Sept 10th

Moderate heading off S.W. saw fin back and black fish Latter part very busy Scrimshonting - set up the Mast which we have on board which is something I have never been doing before - hope they will get filled on the next page

Wednesday Sept 11th

Moderate to S.W. tack in E.N.E. and so we go all these 24 hours

Ship American cruising in 6 and 80

Remarks on Thursday Sept 12th 1844

How many times our patience's tried

Before the voyage is done

for at 2 P.M. saw a shoal of whales with
a large one amongst them, put off and
prowled nicely with him but I believe
did not break black skin - for such good
is all we want this voyage and without
doubt we shall get them when it's best
for us for well I know who careth for us
and cannot do wrong.

Heaving off with light winds for the night
7 A.M. tack in E.N.E.

Lat 6 7
Long 87 37

Friday Sept 13th

Heaving in E.N.E. with light winds and
pleasant weather nothing in sight worth
noticing - 7 A.M. wore off S.W.

Saturday Sept 14th

Light trades heaving off S.W. at 8 A.M. saw
whales to windward and spent the remainder
of the forenoon in working up for them with
the ship



Lat 6.30

Sunday Sept 15th

At 1 P.M. put off for the whales and at 5 the
starboard boat took a bull alongside and
so we lay heaving in for the night - at daylight
hooked on and had him in by 9 and fitted
away to the S.W.

Lat 8 31

Long 88.15

Monday Sept 16th

Heaving off S.W. boiling 4 more such
whales will be nearly enough I hope we may
get them soon and then homeward for that the
sound of A.M. wore inshore with quite strong
trades

Lat 6 52

Ship: American sailing in 6 S. Sept

Remarks on Tuesday Sept 17th 1864

Strong trades heading in Boiling - and if we can boil the bbs on these 2 pages we shall be very much favoured - time will show what events will take place before they are filled. God only knows at present and well it is for us that men cannot foresee future events. at midnight coiled down the work and on the latter part had considerable drizzle

Lat 6.20 S
Long 87.44 W

Wednesday Sept 18th

Strong trades heading in E. N. E. Blackfish plenty
7 A. M. wore off P. M. and cooped the bit

Lat 6.11

19.88
4.8

20.36

Total -
and
the last

Thursday Sept 19th
Moved the bit on the Starboard side of the chain pen and put a tier of water in the fore hold 7 A. M. made all sail and wore in E. N. E.

Lat 6.22

Friday Sept 20th

Moderate heading in E. N. E. Saw Blackfish and hope to see whales tomorrow or we get none this week. Latter part finbacks plenty

Lat 5.45
Long 86.41

Saturday Sept 21st

Light airs finback and Blackfish plenty
6 A. M. took off P. M. and on the latter part saw no whales so ends this week dry enough too

Sunday Sept 22nd

Light airs and calm heading off P. M. nothing but finbacks in sight. Latter part much the same and so ends a very pleasant Sabbath to me

Lat 6.4
Long 87.35

Ship American cruising in 6 and 8 b.

Remarks on Monday September 23rd 1844
Light air heading off NW on very barren
whaling ground nothing but weeds to be
seen growing, but we know not what a day
may bring forth - latter part nothing new to
relate - very busy scrimshanting and that is
always a sign of hard times. Lat 6.2 N
Long 88.22 W

Tuesday Sept 24th
Moderate with a little drizzle heading off NW
all these 24 hours with finback plenty
Lat 6.22
Long 89.50

Wednesday Sept 25th
Strong trades heading off SSW among
the finbacks 7 A.M. tack in ENE
Lat 6.49
Long 89.27

Thursday Sept 26th
Strong trades heading in scrimshanting
latter part moderate made all sail

Friday Sept 27th
Heading in ENE. 7 A.M. wore off I saw nothing
nothing nothing
Lat 6.6
Long 88.38

Saturday Sept 28th
Moderate at midnight wore in ENE. and
on the latter part saw finbacks in great
abundance

Sunday Sept 29th
Heading in ENE. all this day with Blackfish
in sight

Monday Sept 30th
Moderate heading in ENE. with Blackfish and
finbacks plenty and so ends this month
having taken 45 bbls since it commenced
hope to do better next one but must be
content with what we can get. Lat 5.15
Long 85.57

Ship American cruising in band 86 Octo

Remarks on Tuesday October 1st 1844
Light trades heading in E and ENE pinbacks
and blackfish very plenty latter part about 4.50
Lat 4 50

Wednesday Oct 2^d
Pleasant trades heading in Scrimshanting
latter part water discoloured, and very smoky
overhead

Thursday Oct 3^d
Heading in E water quite green past 7 A.M.
Saw a whale to windward but he turned
flukes and we saw no more of him at 10 tack
and stood off until noon and then tack
in shore again - this is the last we see this
cruise most likely
Lat 5 00
Long 83 51

Friday Oct 4th
Moderate heading in E. all these 24 hours
all hands very busy making canes
Lat 4 48
Long 83 14

Saturday Oct 5th
Light winds heading up E. and going
ahead very slowly latter part the ground
all alive with the usual trash
Lat 4 28
Long 82 13

Sunday Oct 6th
Light air heading up E and ENE plenty
of trash in sight middle part & evening
9 A.M. tack off NW and at 11 tack in
again
Lat 4 26
Long 81 43

Monday Oct 7th
Moderate heading up E & ENE 10 A.M. tack off
at 4 tack in - daylight saw the land
to windward of Cape Blanco and so
went heading up for Fairer



Ship American leaving off Santa

Remarks on Thursday Oct 8th 1844
 Deciding in for Santa 7 P.M. went in with the
 boat latter part buying off and on to put the
 Steward ashore who is sick. There are here
 the ships Abigail Barnard 10 mo from N.B.
 450 George Foster Arthur 12 mo out 3.50 blls
 and back Jane Manchester 15 mo from Somerset
 800 whale 200 sperm

Wednesday Oct 9th
 off and on 8 P.M. filled away and stood out
 and now if we can get 200 blls. twill be good
 latter part reading papers and digesting news
 Lat 5 15

Thursday Oct 10th
 Light air and calm heading off S.W.
 latter part plenty of trail all around. Some rain
 also

Friday Oct 11th
 Calm middle and latter part a moderate
 breeze Steering S.W.

Saturday Oct 12th
 Steering S.W. and W.S.W. nothing in
 sight some rain
 Lat 6 7
 Long 84 55

Sunday Oct 13th
 Light winds Steering S.W. & W
 all these 24 hours
 Lat 6 29

Monday Oct 14th
 Steering S.W. & W 6 P.M. hauled up by the wind
 now come on whales and fill all up as
 fast as you please. latter part saw
 a finback and 20 ends. These 2 pages
 with nothing but a pair of flukes may be put
 page show better.
 Lat 6 50
 Long 86 54

Ship American cruising in band 86 Octo

Remarks on Thursday October 15th 1864.

Moderate heaving off - nothing in sight - every body idle - hard times nothing to do latter part strong trades.

Lat 7 30
Long 87 53

Wednesday Octo 16th

Strong trades heaving up S.W. & P.M. took in a reef - 7 A.M. made sail and were in A.E.

Thursday Octo 17th

Strong trades heaving in N.E. nothing in sight and nothing to do but eat and sleep

Lat 6 56
Long 86 53

Friday Octo 18th

The same old story as usual at 7 A.M. squared away W for a change of scene

Saturday Octo 19th

Heaving W and catching pilot-fish for want of larger ones. 6 A.M. hauled up to the S.W. 7 A.M. took in E.N.E. put off for blackfish but got none

Lat 6 28
Long 87 15

Sunday Octo 20th

Moderate heaving in E.N.E. - 7 A.M. took off S.W. and so we go all these 24 hours

Monday Octo 21st

Strong trades heaving off S.W. nothing in sight but blue water latter part saw blackfish

Tuesday Octo 22nd

Heaving off 7 A.M. took in and so ends this page with no sale on it - all hands busy scrim-shouting

1844 Ship American cruising in & P O C

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Remarks on Wednesday October 23 1844
Strong trades heading in E. N. E. & A. M. saw a
sport wore and stood on shore to the NW but
seeing no more of it took in again
Saw some blackfish.
Lat 7 18 N
Long 87 13

Thursday Oct 24
Heading in E. N. E. & scrim shooting better
Saw finbacks and blackfish
Lat 6 43
Long 86 24

Friday Oct 25
Light winds heading in - & P. M. hauled
back in order to drift among whales
7 A. M. took off NW and so we go

Saturday Oct 26
Moderate heading off, put off for blackfish
but got nothing 7 A. M. squared away NW
and so ends this week
Lat 7 00
Long 87 30

Sunday Oct 27
Steering NW & P. M. hauled up in shore
and so we go with nothing in sight
Lat 6 24

Monday Oct 28
Heading in N. E. all these 24 hours
Lat 6 12
Long 86 33

Tuesday Oct 29
Light airs heading in 7 A. M. were off
Saw blackfish and finbacks

Wednesday Oct 30
Heading off all these 24 hours in
Lat 6 48
Long 87 17

Thursday Oct 31
6 P. M. took in E. nothing in sight and so
ends this month

Ship American cruising in b. p. Novr

Departed on Friday November 1st 1864

Heading in E. N. E. 3 P. M. put off for black fish
and each boat took one alongside b. A. M.
were off 1 M. took in Lat 6 45



Saturday Nov 2nd

Heading in and on the latter part
boiled the black fish Lat 6 21

Sunday Nov 3rd

Light air heading in E. N. E. b. A. M. took
off 1 M. Lat 6 10

Monday Nov 4th

Light air and pleasant b. A. M. took in
again latter part saw black fish in
Lat 6 35

Tuesday Nov 5th

Light winds heading in E. N. E. dry times
these cannot even see black fish when we
want them latter part spin bay plenty but
they are of no use whatever

Lat 5 36
Long 83 48

Wednesday Nov 6th

Heading in E. N. E. and E. with nothing
in sight worth noticing latter part
built a Saita house Lat 5 15

Thursday Nov 7th

Heading in 2 put off for black fish
and the bow boat took a couple to the
ship - latter part put off again but
they dodged us and so ended in

Lat 6 55
Long 82 12



1844 Ship American Laying in Paita 3 time

Remains on Friday Nov 8th 1844.

Moderate heading in E plenty of finbacks in sight at daylight put off for blackfish got none - after breakfast put off again and the bow and starboard boat each took one out them in and went to boiling - put off for sword fish got none and so ends these 24 hours in green water

Lat 4 45
Long 81 44



Saturday Nov 9th

3 P.M. put off for blackfish wait and bow took one. 2 A.M. took off S.W. - bore in and put off for hookfish but got none at 8 dropped down again and by 12 the bow had one and the starboard boat 2 alongside so ends

Lat 4 30



Sunday Nov 10th

Strong trades heading in E boiling out the blackfish 8 A.M. saw the land - heading up S.E. and at 6 P.M. came to anchor in 7 fms water off Paita and so ends this cruise

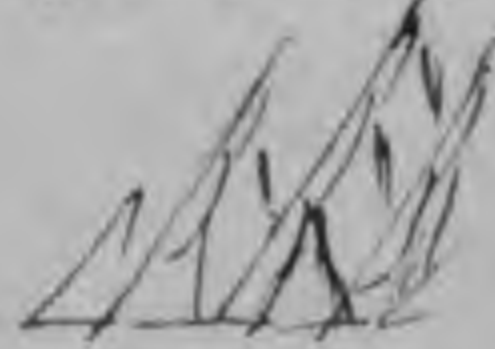
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Monday Nov 11th

All hands busy cleaning ship and getting ready to paint

Tuesday Nov 12th

Starboard watch on liberty the others painting ship - arrived Ship Canal Seabury 2 1/2 PM 1700.



Wednesday Nov 13th

one watch ashore the rest of up painting and quidding

Thursday Nov 14th

Starboard watch ashore the others on board employed as most useful

Ship American Paica 3rd time Nov

Remarks on "Friday Nov 15" 1846
 Larboard watch ashore, finished painting

Saturday Nov 16th
 One watch ashore = fitted a new lobster

Sunday Nov 17th
 Larboard watch. On liberty the rest of the
 Hoafing on board as usual

Monday Nov 18th
 All hands employed in taking off onions
 and other necessary duties = all ready for
 Sea

Tuesday Nov 19th
 Shift part took off a few potatoes and have
 sort and at 4 P.M. got under way
 Stearing off NW for Sumbit. L. F. H.
 squared away N.W. by

Wednesday Nov 20 civil time
 Midnight hauled up NE and NE by N
 at daylight saw the Coral astern
 fitted a studding sail and set it in lat 350
 Stearing N.E. & gammed with the Coral
 and so ends

Thursday Nov 21st
 Light winds and calm Stearing for
 Sumbit and at 10 came too in 4 fms
 in co with the Coral = latter part sent
 2 boats wooding & myself down with the
 dysentery took off 2 boat load of wood
 Saw 2 ships going down the coast

Friday Nov 22nd
 Wooding took off 4 load also a boat load of
 coconuts and some plantains
 Saw 2 ships

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Saturday Nov 23 1844
All hands taking off food and commuted
except I sick

Sunday Nov 24"
All hands ashore raising the old boy as
usual - took 5 bills of oysters on board
Saw one ship to windward

Monday Nov 25"
Took off a raft of water - some commuted
and other articles and quilled
as usual

Tuesday Nov 26"
All hands stowing away wood and water
and taking off recruits - sent the deck-
pot ashore - all ready for sea

Wednesday Nov 27"
Took off a lot of oysters - washed the boats
and lay waiting for a fair tide - saw a
brig outside

Thursday Nov 28"
6 A.M. got under way and stood out with a
light wind and fair tide. 8 tack in
and at 12 tack off again the other ship
just in sight to leeward

Friday Nov 29"
Heaving off to O.H. tack in for the land
and at midnight tack off again.
latter part calm saw a brig and some
fin bay

Saturday Nov 30"
First part strong trades heading up N.W.S.
6 A.M. saw the coral astern and so
ended nothing in sight Dec 3 38

Ship American on the last cruise Decr

Remarks on Sunday Decr 1st 1846

Moderate heading up N.W. 4 P.M. jammed
with the Coral and on the latter part
began to keep Sabbath

Lat 4 12 S
Long 83 48

Monday Decr 2nd

Heading off N.W. 6 P.M. tack in E. saw a
fin-back - at 1 P.M. tack off S.W. saw some
breaches but could not tell exactly
what they were

Lat 4 20

Tuesday Decr 3rd

Heading off S.W. 3 P.M. found a
school of whales nearly under the bows
put off but could not get on and at
5 returned on board with fishermen and
back (D. A. M.) 6 tack in E. and at 4
A.M. tack off in hopes of seeing the whales
in the morning - but twas no go or rather
too much fog if anything

Lat 4 41

Long 84 38

Wednesday Decr 4th

Heading up S.W. saw Blackfish
midnight tack in and at 1 P.M. A.M.
were off again latter part saw Blackfish
and fin-back

Lat 5 30

Long 85 6

Thursday Decr 5th

Heading up S.W. with light air
and pleasant weather

Lat 6 18

Long 85 37

Friday Decr 6th

Light air heading up S and S.W.
all these 24 hours

Lat 7 00

Long 86 11

Ship American on the last cruise

Remarks on Saturday December 7. 1844

Light air heading up / saw Blackfish
Cowfish and caught 2 dolphins quite a
lot of circumstances. 7 A.M. tack in E.N.E.
and saw some breches

Lat 7 25 P
Long 86 13 W

Sunday Decr 8th

Heading in E.N. and E.N.E. latter part
saw plenty of blackfish and porpoises

Lat 7 00
Long 85 34

Monday Decr 9th

Pleasant trade heading in E.N. saw
blackfish plenty

Lat 6 26
Long 86 32

Tuesday 10th

Heading in north strong trade. 7 A.M.
tack off S.W.

Lat 6 43
Long 86 4

Wednesday 11th

Heading up S.W. 7 A.M. tack in E.N.
and so we go nothing in sight

Lat 6 39
Long 84 10

Thursday Decr 12th

Light winds heading off S.W. 10 A.M. tack in
in E. and at 1 tack off again - blackfish
much and quiddled a bit about the
rigging

Lat
Long 83 51

Friday Decr 13th

Moderate heading up S.W. latter part
saw a merchant ship to windward

Lat 7 53
Long 84 39

Saturday Decr 14th

Heading up S.W. our neighbor in sight
to windward latter part drawing yards
put off a boat for blackfish
but got none.

Lat 8 28
Long 85 31

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Ship American on her last cruise Decr

Remarks on Sunday Decr 15th 1844
Light airs and baffling heading no where
in particular - middle part plenty of
rain heading up S.W. and so we go
the remainder of the day in Lat 9^{co} S
Long 85⁴⁹ W

Monday Decr 16th
Pleasant trades heading up S.W.
middle and latter part rainy
and squally heading up from
S to S.E.

Tuesday Decr 17th
Strong trades heading up S.E. and S.E.
with some rain and drizzle
middle part squally took in light
sails rugged Lat 11.11
Long 87.6

Wednesday Decr 18th
Strong trades and rugged weather heading
up S.W. latter part saw plenty of
trash Lat 12.34
Long 87.15

Thursday Decr 19th
Heading up S. Saw a carcass which
is quite encouraging for us as it
indicates there was once a whale in
being. If we could have 2 days good
sailing we might go home home home
now I long to be there - wonder if ^{any} body
wants to see Barry if they did I
should get more letters middle and
latter part quite moderate made more sail
Squid plenty Lat 13.56
Long 88.27

Friday Decr 20th
Heading up S.W. with strong winds
all these 24 hours in Lat 14.50
Long 89.00

Saturday Decr 21st
S.P. h. tack in N.E. with strong trades
and nothing in sight Lat 14.17
Long 88.8

Ship American on her last cruise

Remarks on Sunday December 22nd 1844
 Strong trades and squally weather heading in
 N.E. or thereabouts nothing in sight but
 boobies. Come on, whales fill us up and
 let us go home then we will trouble you
 no more. 'Tis Saturday night, just the time
 that sailors think of their wives and
 sweethearts - and for those like myself who
 have none, why, we can think of home and all
 we've left behind us - Home! there is magic
 in that name, none know what it is better
 than the whole man - Strange that men will
 come around Cape Horn and drag out a weary
 little tedious whaling voyage when there is
 plenty of land to live on which they can have
 for the asking. But every one to their liking - all
 is for the best and who knows as the wheel
 is continually turning round but what
 shall one day be on the top. Never give up.
 Latter part saw nothing as usual

Lat 13 50

Long 87 50

Monday Dec 23rd
 Heading up N.E. with strong trades. 6 A.M.
 tack off for an hour or so in a squall
 then headed in again

Lat 13 3

Long 86 27

Tuesday Dec 24th
 Pleasant trades heading in N.E. all sail on
 nothing seen these 24 hours

Lat 12 6

Long 85 40

Wednesday Dec 25th
 Another 25th of Dec came round again, killed
 a hog to make merry on - still heading in
 N.E. latter part heading up E by N

Lat 11.32

Long 86 25

Thursday Dec 26th
 6 P.M. light trades back off S.W. Latter
 part about S.W. heading up S.W. nothing
 to be seen

Lat 12 6

Long 85 11

Ship American on the last cruise Jan'y

Remarks on Friday December 27th 1846
 Strong trades heading up land S.W. with
 all sail out and nothing in sight but water
 latter part saw Blackfish porpoises and a
 finback Lat 13.25

Saturday Decr 28th Jan'y 86 00
 Heading up S. with strong trades
 and pleasant weather nothing in sight
 for these 24 hours and that is all we have
 seen this week. perhaps the next one
 will show better. Lat 14 30
 Long 86 39

Sunday Decr 29th
 Heading up S.W. shifted the fore topsail
 and cut up the old one. latter part
 strong winds and squally took in
 the light sails Sun obscured

Monday Decr 30th
 Strong trades heading up S. & for a
 spunk, a small one will do, only 2 days
 of good luck is all we want. perhaps
 we may have it yet, who knows?
 come on whales we are in a hurry to go
 home. wives and sweet-hearts are all
 waiting patiently for us in the latter
 part took a reef in the topsails
 Lat 17 17
 Long 87 58

Tuesday Decr 31st
 Strong gales heading up S.W. & P.
 latter part unbuttoned the mainsail
 for repair and so ended the
 year of 1846 in the Lat of 18.31
 We have during this year taken 6000
 and are now 37 men out with 1850
 on board.
 Thus ended another year of my life and
 I am another year nearer to the judgment
 day than ever. God only knows whether I
 shall see the end of this year here on earth
 if not may I be fitted to meet him in Heaven.

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845 Ship American on her last cruise

Remarks on Wednesday January 1st 1845.
Another new year comes rolling round and here we
are rolling on old ocean's billows looking for
what was never lost - may we find it and
be at home by the 1st of June, find all hands
well and get a good price for our oil then
I say you shall try another trade and see
if you cannot do rather better than you have
the last I mented. There we go under reefed
topsails with squally weather heading up &
on thereabouts for Malapuer. I have
employed in repairing the Main sail Lat $19^{\circ}30'S$
Long $89^{\circ}15'W$

Thursday Jan 2nd
Finished the Main sail and bent it heading
up S & E and S latter part turned out reefed
repaired the M & Gant sail Lat $20^{\circ}46'$
Long $89^{\circ}30'$

Friday Jan 3rd
Strong trade heading up S and S E
repaired the S & Gant sail latter part
about S and S E repaired the M & Gant
Lat $22^{\circ}15'$
Long $89^{\circ}54'$

Saturday Jan 4th
Heading up S. Saw a very bright comet
bearing about S.W. latter part as usual
nothing new to relate. Lat $23^{\circ}30'$
Long $90^{\circ}26'$

Sunday Jan 5th
Pleasant trade heading up S. middle
part somewhat squally - latter fine and
pleasant saw a finback Lat $24^{\circ}36'$
Long $91^{\circ}15'$

Monday Jan 6th
Fine pleasant trade heading up S
middle and latter part strong wind
broke out the bit between decks to cooper
and finished one side Lat $25^{\circ}50'$
before night

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Ship American on her last cruise Jan'y

Remarks on Tuesday Jan'y 7th 1845

Strong trades heading up S. E. all hands employed coopersing and restoring the bit between decks to S. H. shortened sail to single reefed topsails - latter part wore to N. E. and broke abt the other side

Lat 26 27 1/2
Long 91 30

Wednesday Jan'y 8th
Strong trades to S. H. finished coopersing the bit and wore to the S. turned out reef and set S. & I sail - latter part light wind fitted the main stay

Lat 27 18
Long 92 00

Thursday Jan'y 9th
Light air heading up S. E. - picked up a log of wood 28 feet long
found middle and latter part calm
shifted the jib, foresail, and main topsail
saw a bill fish

Lat 27 30
Long 91 30

Friday Jan'y 10th
Light air from N. E. heading up E. S. E. and
ab. repairing sails middle and latter part nearly calm

Lat 28 1/2
Long 91.2

Saturday Jan'y 11th
Calm repairing sails - all hands over board to swim - the comet I find to be situated about half way between the neck of the Phoenix and Crane its declination is 43-30° N. and right ascension 23-10^m and bears about S.W. from us.
latter part a moderate breeze from E. N. E. finished the sails and caught a lot of large Albicore, so ended this week and no whales

Lat 28.36
Long 90 50

Encke's comet 3 years 4 months in performing a revolution about the sun

Ship American on her last cruise

Remarks on Sunday Jan'y 12th 1845.

Light winds from ENE heading up SE and
ESE - latter part a fine breeze heading up E
Sun Obs

Long 90.21

Monday Jan'y 13th

Pleasant winds from NNE - Steering E
middle and latter part light airs all the way
from NE to NW - cleaned the iron work
and caulked the bows

Lat 29.45

Long 89.8

Tuesday Jan'y 14th

Light airs from NW and W steering E.
latter part about so so as usual Lat 30.00

Long 88.16

Wednesday Jan'y 15th

Light winds from NW steering E. Set 7. Top
masts Steering Sail and so we go all these
24 hours

Lat 30.12

Long 87.00

Thursday Jan'y 16th

Fine breeze from W and NW steering E.
middle and latter part nearly calm
repaired the mizen topsail

Lat 30.24

Long 86.5

Friday Jan'y 17th

Light winds from the W ward steering E. Saw
a topsail schooner steering to the SE. 5 A.M.
some rain in squalls from the SE - the
ship heading up ENE. Sun Obs

Saturday Jan'y 18th

Moderate winds and passing squalls from
SE. 6 A.M. took in light sails
6 A.M. made all sail and rack heaving
up NW and so ends another
week. with no whales in sight - of us
patience and hope are two good
things on one of these voyages but
ours is almost all gone.

Lat 30.10

Long 83.46

Ship American on her last cruise Jan'y

Remarks on Sunday Jan'y 19th 1845

Moderate S.E. wind and pleasant weather
 the ship ^{heads} up about S.W. joggling along slowly
 looking for a cove which I am afraid
 we shall not find it so A.M. tack heading
 up E. the wind gradually hauling to the S.W.
 during the day caught 36 dozen of bill fish
 besides several albacore fine work on the
 sabbath

Lat 30.51 S

Long 84 26

Monday Jan'y 20th

Light airs from S.W. steering E.S.
 latter part passing squalls the wind coming to
 S.E.

Lat 31 13

Long 82 54

Tuesday Jan'y 21st

Strong winds from S.E. heading up E.S.
 and E.N.E. 7 P.M. double reefed top sails
 and during the night took in one of
 them. 7 A.M. more moderate were heading
 up S.W. and before noon made all sail

Lat 31.10

Long 82 30

Wednesday Jan'y 22nd

Light winds from S.E. heading S.W.
 with all sail out middle part calm
 6 A.M. a fine breeze from W. and S.W.
 which finally hauled to S.E. and knocked
 us off E.N.E.

Lat 31.30

Long 82 13

Thursday Jan'y 23rd

Light airs from the S heading up E
 and E.S.E. latter part steering S.E. with
 a fine breeze from W. saw a
 fin back

Lat 32.14

Long 81 42

Friday Jan'y 24th

Passing squalls from S.E. heading up
 E.S.E. and E. middle and latter part
 heading up E.S.E.

Lat 32.40

Long 80 21

Saturday Jan'y 25th

Heading up E. 2 P.M. saw Massachusetts S.E. 65 mi
 7 P.M. double reefed. 6 A.M. wore S.W. 19.59
 and turned out reef

32 54



Ship American off Massachusetts

Remarks on Sunday Jan 26th 1845

Strong S. E. wind heading up S. W. 9 P.M. passed
a brig heading to the N. latter part about calm
So ends Massachusetts bearing S. E. 6. 30 miles
Lat. 33° 20' N
Long 80° 00' W

Tuesday Jan 27th

Light air and calm caught 17 Green bill
fish - quite a haul for Sunday - latter part
calm dropped a boat for blackfish but
got none. Making lower studding sail
boom - the Island about E. 6. 30 or 40
miles dist

Wednesday Jan 28th

Light air from the W heading to the S
middle part steering S. W. - latter strong winds
and heavy sea took in light sails
broke up the fore and finished the boom and
lost light of Massachusetts in Lat 33 50

Thursday Jan 29th

Strong winds from W heading up S. W. 6.
P. M. took in a reef in each top sail
and so we lay dogging about for whales
when we ought to be going home - latter part
raining and squally with the wind all round
the compass

Friday Jan 30th

Light winds from the South heading
to the Eward. latter part saw a ship and
steared for her at noon spoke her the
Mobile Brinker 5 mo 600 bbls So ends

Saturday Jan 31st

Light winds from S. E. steering N. W. gammy
latter part saw a strange ship astern
So ends the Mobile abeam running off W
in co with us and so ends this month
Lat 36 49
Long 82 22

Remarks off Massachusetts

Feb.

Remarks on Saturday February 1st 1845
 Light airs from the E steering W in co with
 the Mobile and a stranger astern L & M
 gunned with the Mobile and got a few
 notions latter part steering S.W. Lat 34.50. S


 a
 turtle

Sunday Feb 2nd
 Calm both ships in sight put off and
 caught a turtle sunset hauled up to
 the M. latter part the wind from the
 W heading to the S both ships in sight

Lat 34.49



Monday Feb 3rd
 Light winds from W 3 P M spoke the
 Shobella Howland & co out 2 P M
 latter part steering W N W

Lat 34.58

Long 86 8


Tuesday Feb 4th
 Wind from N.E. 2 ships in sight
 L & M hauled up to the S M and tied a
 reef in the top sails middle and
 latter part strong winds

Lat 35 14

Wednesday Feb 5th
 Strong winds from S.E. squared away
 M & L hauled aback heading to the
 S saw a fin back very glad that somebody
 is left that knows how to spout
 latter part moderate

Lat 35 25

Long 86 24


 a
 porpoise

Thursday Feb 6th
 Heading to the S - sunset noon N.E.
 saw a merchantman and caught a
 porpoise the first blubber we have had
 for a long time latter part about
 2.30 set up M & S rigging and made
 saddles for the top gallant yards

Lat 35.36
 Long 86 9

115 Ship American off Massapuro

Remarks on Friday February 7th 1865
Light winds from SE heading to the NE -
latter part sent down the F. J. Gallant yard and
fitted a saddle to it so ends calm

Saturday Feb 8th
About calm - put off for black fish but
got none - latter part some rain with a
strong breeze from S steering NE - fitted
a saddle to the M. J. G. yard and saw a
sail ahead -
Lat 35 15
Long 84.47

Sunday Feb 9th
Steering NE. B. & M. spoke bark Eliza
6 days from Massapuro of and for Liverpool
which sailed up under short sail, heading
NE & E. latter part saw 2 ships to leeward
Lat 34 26
Long 84.5

Monday Feb 10th
Strong SE winds & spoke the Mobile the
m. seen one dead whale - quite encouraging
heading in E. N. E. and so we go

Tuesday Feb 11th
Strong winds heading up E. N. E. the
Mobile in sight to windward latter part
light winds saw Massapuro bearing
E. & N.
Lat 33 40


Wednesday Feb 12th
Light airs heading up E. & N. the M.
in sight ahead - latter part about 20 to
30 miles Massapuro bearing E. & E. 20 miles
Lat 33 37

Thursday Feb 13th
Heading up E. the Mobile in sight under the
Island fishing - saw some breaches don't know
what made them latter part gannet
with the Mobile under the Island
Lat 33 40

Ship American off Nalafun Feb 14

(Remarks on Friday February 14th 1845)
 Steaming up E by S gunning with the
 Mobile - Sold some commodities and took
 a sick man to carry in port when we go
 middle part calm of A.M. took a
 fine breeze from W.S.W. and squared
 away for Juan Hernandez which is in
 sight Lat 33.35 S
 Long 80 00 W

Saturday Feb 15th
 Steaming E for Juan the Mobile in
 sight ahead sunset saw the breaker
 and lay to under short sail
 latter part sent in boats at the village
 for fish and vegetation - there are laying
 off and the Mobile - Servant of Bay Harbor
 and took a piece of cold steam bath
 about 5 M from home with one whale ear
 bound N.W.

 S.S. M.S. R.R.
 Sunday Feb 16th

5 P.M. came on board with a good
 mess of fish some green guinea etc
 and hauled by the wind heading up
 N.N.E. saw a merchant ship steering
 E.N.E. latter part squared away E wind
 from W.S.W.

Monday Feb 17th
 Light winds from the W steering E
 and E.S.E. saw one ship astern
 sunset hauled up to the S latter part
 heading up E.S.E. Lat 33.50
 Long 76 26

Tuesday
 Light air heading up E by S. A.M.
 took off heading up W.S.W. and
 so we go saw fish bay

Ship American off Massapequa

Remarks on Wednesday February 19-65
 Light winds from SE heading NW
 Saw a sail to leeward latter part painted
 the stern and saw a brig steering
 to NE
 Lat 34.8
 Long 77.38

Thursday Feb 20
 Heading up NW 7 AM saw Juan
 bearing W latter part saw 2 ships
 to Juan to end 7 miles dist

Friday Feb 21
 I spoke the Phoenix Minnow &
 mo. 50 all - saw 3 more ships - 7 AM
 spoke the Balena - Manchester 39 mo
 1100 bound home - latter part had a bit
 of a squall - so ends

RRR Saturday Feb 22
 Light winds from the S heading up
 W S W 5 AM gaming with the 2 ships
 again saw 2 more to windward
 latter part cleared the bend - calm saw
 Massapequa - Juan in sight Lat 33 2.8

Sunday Feb 23
 Light airs from N steering NW and
 2 neighbors in sight - latter part wind
 from S W put off for Black fish and
 boat took 2 and brought one
 Lat 33 56



Monday Feb 24
 Light airs heading to the W nobody in
 sight middle part strong wind 7 AM
 squared off and ran under the lee of
 Massapequa within 2 miles of the shore
 saw a ship bark and brig at 11 spoke
 the ship James Allen 41 mo from N
 Bedford Capt. Sherman so ends steering
 S W

Ship American off Massapequa

March

Proceeded on Tuesday February 25th 1845.

Strong winds from S E steering S W NW
 boiled out the blackfish & S M Martine sail
 to double reefed A top sail and fore sail.
 latter part saw 3 sail and at 11 spoke
 bark Chesper Quise 5 no clear from S. Hane
 and 20 ends jamming Lat 34 12 S

Wednesday Feb 26th
 Moderate 4 spoke the Peruvian Folger
 5 no 70 Hls. latter part heading in E saw
 Massapequa

Thursday Feb 27th
 Fine winds from S E heading to the
 E & spoke the Daniel had a gun.
 midnight wore off S W Lat 33 53

Friday Feb 28th
 Strong gales heading up S W
 saw the Chesper to windward
 latter part moderate saw 2 sail
 Lat 36.37

Saturday March 1st 1845
 Light winds from S E heading
 up S W at daylight 3 barks and
 one ship in sight. 20 ends Lat 34.52
 Long 83.40

Sunday March 2nd
 Light air heading to the W 3 barks
 and a schooner in sight. latter part
 calm.

Monday March 3rd
 Light air from the S heading S E
 middle part calm. 7 A M a breeze
 from W heading to the S. saw an
 American Frigate steering E. and
 got up a cold water pledge on board
 Long 81.13

1845 Ship American off Kallapuro

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Remarks on Tuesday March 4th 1845
Moderate winds from W heading up S.W.
6 P.M. hauled aback - latter part some
rain wind from the S heading E
Sun obscured

Wednesday March 5th
Heading up E - drizzly latter part light
winds from S.W. steering S.E.

Lat 35 57
Long 83 24

Thursday March 6th
Strong winds from S.W. steering E - 6 P.M.
squally hauled by the wind heading up W
Some rain latter part squared away and
N.W.

Lat 35 32

Friday March 7th
Wind S.W. steering N.W. 6 P.M. hauled
up W aback - 7 A.M. spoke the Maria
Jennings 34 mo from port 11.50
so ended steering N.E. gamming

Lat 34 43
Long 82 40

~~XXX~~ Saturday March 8th gamming
Strong winds steering off N.E. 3 tack heading
up S.W. another ship to windward at
4 saw a whale to windward the
weather ship lowered but did not get
him - at 6 saw one more sail still
further to windward - midnight wore
ship to the N latter part saw the M and
2 more ships

Lat 34 32

Sunday March 9th
Strong wind and some rain. 7 A.M.
saw Kallapuro and took to the one ship to
leeward

Monday March 10th ~~XXX~~ ~~XXX~~
Light winds from the W heading to the S.
7 P.M. spoke the Henry Astor - Coffin
6 mo 100 and the Maria - at 12 past 12
Thomas Macklin the steward departed
this life having been nearly 5 days

Ship American off Massapequa March

Monday March 10th 1845 Continued
 Steward in a senseless and speechless state at 7 A.M.
 died committed his body to the deep. Massapequa
 bearing N.E. 60 miles dist. So much
 with light air from the W heading N.E.
 N.B. Ships in sight Lat 34 27

Tuesday March 11th
 Light air from the W steering N
 4 spoke the Niger Gray & no 100 bbls on board
 10 L.H. squared away E for Juan
 at daylight passed the N side of Massapequa
 25 miles dist saw a bark Lat 33 48

Wednesday Mar 12th
 Steaming E.N.E. for Juan middle part the
 wine hauled to S.E. latter part heading N.E.
 E.N.E.

Thursday March 13th
 at 12 sent in 2 boats and got a load of
 peaches and quinces - halving off and an in
 co with the Maria latter part took in a cask
 and filled it and got off one load of wood

Friday March 14th
 Took off another load of wood - touched here
 a French whaler bound N.W. latter part
 went in again with the boats

Saturday March 15th
 Wind from N.W. took off a load of wood
 a cask of water and some fruit. Touched
 here bark Alfred Tyler 40 mo 70 bbls and
 George Porter 10 mo 900. Saw some Thump
 bag 10 L.H. squared away S.E. 5.7 A.M.
 hauled up S.W. - 10 strong gales, and
 squally shortened sail to a close
 main topsail and foremast stay sail
 Lat 34 29

1845 Ship American off Matanzas

Remarks on Sunday March 16th 1845.
Strong norther heading to the NW 5 P.M. wind
veered to SW with rain middle part very
heavy squalls split the fore topmast stay sail
latter part moderate heading up NW
Lat 35.1
Long 79.41 W

Monday Mar 17th
Moderate heading up NW saw one sail
middle and latter part strong gales in
Lat 35.34

Tuesday Mar 18th
Strong gales heading up NW middle
and latter part rainy
Lat 35.57
Long 79.41

Wednesday Mar 19th
Nearly calm latter part took in the waist
boat and repaired her saw a brig and
made all sail

Thursday Mar 20th
Light air from SSE steering off point
the fore topmast stay sail - 2 A.M. spoke
brig express 75 days from Matanzas for
Bahia de Pinar and supplied her with some
provision - 10 A.M. heading up N with a
good breeze from SSE and at 12 noon
ship starting E by S for Salcamucos

Lat 36.00

Long 79.15

Friday Mar 21st
Light winds from NW steering E by S
7 P.M. squally with wind from SSE
double reefed and took main sail and
jib so ended blowing a young gale
picking up rain

Lat 36.25

Long 77.45

Saturday Mar 22nd
Strong gales and rugged heading up E by S
and E all these 24 hours in
Lat 36.75
Long 76.42

Ship American Talcahuano 4th time March

Remarks on Sunday March 23rd 1845

Strong gales from S & E heading up E & N
Saw a ship to leeward bound to the Nward
latter part about the same rolling and
tumbling about in

Lat 35 55 S
Long 75 48 W

Monday March 24th

Strong gales S & N took in everything but
close h. top sail and lay waiting for a
change latter part wind gradually abated
made sail, and at 12 had everything
on her heading up E.

Lat 35 35
Long 75 10

Tuesday Mar 25th

Moderate winds from the S heading up
E & S. Set 2 watches and saw a ship
3 p.m. light air from N. latter part repaired
the bow boat

Lat 35 40
Long 74 00

Wednesday Mar 26th

Light winds from N steering E & S.
Shifted the bow and starboard boat to short
sail - latter part made all sail and at 6
saw the Capt. steering for Quiriquena
4 p.m. passed the point in co with the
Omega station 5 mo from point clear
and at 6 dropped anchor in 4 fms
in co with the Spartan 16 mo 600
Hector 16 mo 600 = G. Porter 18 mo 700
Maria 34 mo 11.50 = Garland
and Caman 29 mo 6.50 besides a number
of merchantmen do ends

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Mar 27th 28th 29th 30th

Thursday Mar 27th

Light air and calm cleared ship
and fitted water casks.

Friday Mar 28th

Calm one water ashore the others took
off a raft of water - Laid Hector Spartan
Garland anchor Caman

845 Ship American Valcahuano 1st time

Remarks on Saturday Mar 29th 1845
 Calm one watch ashore took off a raft of
 water and some wood

Sunday Mar 30th
 One watch ashore doing what they ought
 not to do of course - latter part some rain

Monday Mar 31st
 Moderate wind from the N with rain
 one watch on Liberty the remainder
 doing nothing

Tuesday April 1st 1845
 Moderate one watch ashore got a couple of
 Caplins to work on the bow arrived Ship
 Martha Sayer 43 mo from F. Haven 1700
 part whale

Wednesday April 2nd
 One watch ashore arrived bark Bramin
 Whitehead 40 mo 1100. and Ship
 Adeline Gibbs 43 mo 2200 Capt Bayles
 from F. Haven

Thursday April 3rd
 All hands employed on board

Friday April 4th
 Starboard watch ashore sent down the
 topail yard and repaired it first part
 rainy

Saturday April 5th
 All hands employed in scraping and securing
 ship

Sunday April 6th
 One watch ashore doing nothing good the
 rest of us about the same

Ship American Talcahuano

April

Remarks on Monday April 7th 1845
All hands busy on board latter part some rain.

Tuesday April 8th
Took off a raft of water and stowed part of it away also finished caulking.

Wednesday April 9th
stowed away all of the wood and water and took off a load of potatoes in the afternoon one watch ashore some rain

Thursday April 10th
one watch ashore the rest of us waiting for potatoes. wind lighter

Friday April 11th
All hands quidding latter part took off the potatoes arrived the Chile block of war

Saturday April 12th
All ready for sea shipping and unshipping men. fine breeze from S.

Sunday April 13th
Light airs and calm 9 A.M. hoisted up and hinged out from the shipping and dropped anchor under foot waiting for wind

Monday April 14th
A light breeze from the S. got under way on 10 o'clock. The for Wenege and G. Foster at 5. Passed the point of Quiriquena and spent the forenoon in a game and now we have started for home may a kind Providence favor us, latter part heading up N.W. saw a bark and schooner.

Lat 36 36
Long 75 5

Ship American Home-ward Bound

Remarks on Tuesday April 15th 1845.

- 1 Strong wind from S heading up S.W. employed in bending new sails and reefing rigging for Cape Horn. latter part light winds caught a fog but Sun obs

Wednesday April 16th

- 2 Light wind from the S heading up S.W. bending sails latter part light wind from N.W. Steaming S.W. fitted a suit of Studding Sails and set them Sun obs

Thursday April 17th

- 3 A fine breeze from S.W. reefing rigging and fitting for high latitudes. Caught a Porpoise at 4 A.M. the wind increasing took in the Studding Sails at 9 quite a gale with some rain took in topgallant sails rigged in the fly Gibboom and double reefed the Mizzen top sail so ends going off at a fine rate Sun obs

Friday April 18th

- 4 Strong gale from N.W. with light rain sent down the Mizzen Royal Mast set the reef out of the top sail and set the N.E. Sail. Steaming S.W. at 4 took in the waist boat, during the night wind came to N. double reefed and took in the 9th at 9 A.M. furled the mainsail with the wind S.W. heading up S.E. so ends Lat 41 34 Long 80 24

Saturday April 19th

- 5 Strong gale moderating a little heading up S at 4 set the mainsail - & the 9th 2nd and 3rd top sail and at 8 put on topgallant sails - midnight the wind came to N.W. put on starboard Studding Sails. latter part passing 2 squalls. Saw a brig heading to the S and out sailed her - wonderful Lat 43.67 Long 80 43

Ship American Lorna Home

April

6 Departed on Sunday April 20th 1865
 Fine winds from N.W. Steering S.E. bent
 the main Royal and let it - middle and
 latter parts passing squalls with some
 rain. Lat 45.10. S

7 Monday April 21st
 Moderate winds from W. Steering S.E.
 6 A.M. nearly calm with rain. 9 took a
 breeze from S. heading up E.P.E. Lat 48.00

8 Tuesday April 22nd
 Strong breeze from S. 1 P.M. took in
 J.G. sails. the wind increasing to double reefed
 middle and latter part heavy squalls
 heading up S.E. Lat 49.10
 Long 79 55.5

9 Wednesday April 23rd
 Strong gales from N.W. heading up
 S.E. and S.E. 6 P.M. very rugged
 put her under a close a half top sail
 and fore sail and let her pull
 6 A.M. set close reefed top sails and
 reefed mainsail. Lat 50.45
 Long 79 51

10 Thursday April 24th
 Strong gales and heavy squalls 3 P.M.
 took in J.G. sails. 6 in a squall
 tore up the starboard cat head by the roots
 took in the courses and J.G. sails
 heading up S.E. during the night. Set the
 fore sail but at 5 A.M. took it in blowing
 too hard to carry it with a very bad
 chopping sea on so ended moderating storm.
 Lat 51.31
 Long 78 54

Ship American Homeward Bound

Remarks on Friday April 25th 1845
 11 Strong gales moderating at 1 P.M. got
 the Fore Sail Main Sail (reefed) and close
 and hoisted topsails and during the night
 put on whole topsails and in 7 Gallant Sail
 at 9 A.M. the wind from NW increasing
 double reefed and furled it. sent the
 mizen Stay Sail and at 12 close reefed
 Steering S.E. Lat by guess 53° 00' S
 Drivvly

Saturday April 26th
 12 Strong gales from W and W.S.W. with
 rain Steering S.E. & P.M. reefed the
 main sail middle part moderating latter
 part light winds made all sail Steering
 S.E. Drivvly Lat 55.2
 Long 76.20

Sunday April 27th
 13 Light winds from the S. sent the main
 Stay Sail - 4 P.M. Strong breeze from S.E.
 and S.E. took in light sails and double
 reefed - middle part the wind died
 away at daylight Calm Saw a brig astern
 and it being a good time broke out
 for water at 8 took a breeze from
 W.N.W. made sail and squared
 away E.S. Lat 55.6
 Long 76.45

Monday April 28th
 14 Strong breeze from W.N.W. set the royal
 and Gallant Studding Sail steering E.S. and
 so we go off nobly - 10 P.M. took in royal
 and 1 P.M. Studding Sail and the wind
 gradually increasing by daylight had
 her under the main topsail and reefed
 fore topsail and fore course. 8 A.M. passed
 a ship laying to heading to the NW
 10 A.M. Steering E. and at 12 E.S.
 wind about W.N.W. Lat 54.50
 Long 72.22 at 3 P.M.

Ship American off Cape Horn

May

Sailed on Tuesday April 29th 1845

- 15 Strong gales from W & W moderating Steering E. N. E. 6 P. M. set reefed main top sail and m. & S. sail going off a good jog for home hope we may have a quick passage cause I am almost home sick, passed a fellow bound out to day twill be a long time before they steer in this latitude what would tempt me to jump with them I wonder. have had some little hail to day but take it all together tis the warmest time I ever saw off the Cape during the night the wind left us and here we are becalmed with some rain in saw the brig astern

Lat 57.3 S
D R Long 69 36 WWednesday April 30th

- 16 Calm saw a lot of finch - 3 A. M. a fine breeze from S. W. made all sail Steering E. N. E. the wind hauling to the S. at 10 took in Studding Sails and Royal Steering N. E. & E. saw a brig and bark bound to the E. fitted a lower Studding Sail - and by noon were sharp on the wind

Lat 56 00
D R Long 68 20Thursday May 1st 1845

- 17 Strong wind from S. E. Steering N. E. & E. sent down Royal yard & S. M. double reefed. Rainy & S. M. moderate knocked off the top in main sail waiting for a change of wind - 2 A. M. took a strong breeze from S. W. which by daylight increased to a gale and so we go under single reefed main double reefed fore top sail and fore course Steering N. E. Steady rain

Lat 56 33
D R Long 65 20

15. Ship American off Cape Horn

Barnack on Friday May 2^d 1845
 commenced seceding. N E before a PM
 gale at 6 PM took another reef in the
 main topsail - it blowing and raining and
 the water covered the whole deck besides the
 cabin floor quite cold in the bargain
 these are the comforts of a Cape Horn
 voyage - but the wind is fair and every
 hour brings us nearer home. At 2 PM
 quite moderate turned out reef and
 set 2 1/2 sails. The wind came to
 W & a smart shower of snow
 I set Steaming sails and M Royal
 Steaming N E & fine and pleasant
 Lat 55 23 S
 Long 59 40 W

Saturday May 3^d
 18 Strong breeze from W heading to the
 N at 2 PM took in light sails &
 double reefed with the wind about
 N N W heading up N E & M middle
 part moderate made all sail but
 before noon were obliged to reef
 Dun Obs

Sunday May 4th
 20 Moderate winds and foggy turned out
 reef heading up N E & M middle
 part raising latter part heading up
 N E & made all sail with fine
 weather and heavy swell Lat 53 30
 Long 54 30

Monday May 5th
 21 Fine and pleasant winds from N W
 heading up N N E saw a bark to wind
 round point middle part wind
 from N N W Steaming N E with some
 squalls made and shortened as
 necessary latter part wind from
 N N W again Lat 51 40
 No Long

Ship American homeward bound May

Remarks on Tuesday May 6th 1845.

22 Strong breeze from N. heaving up E. N. E. caught 2 port sails. 4 P. M. reefed top sails for a fair wind and took in main sail and got towards morning moderate and the wind slanting a little to the N. made sail and kept her on her course N. E. in a thick fog all these 24 hours with now and then rain

foggy

Wednesday May 7th

23 Light winds and foggy weather heaving up N. N. E. 7 P. M. struck by a heavy squall from the N. turned up all hands and reefed down middle part quite moderate made royal sail and about 3 P. M. caught another which increased to a heavy gale so that by 10 P. M. we were under 3 stay sails. Saw a brig to leeward

Lat 50 00

Thursday May 8th

24 Trying to make 3 stay sails in a heavy gale from N. W. at 4 P. M. tried to run set close No top sail but found it would not answer so took it in again and let her lay - rather more moderate if anything but very rugged before morning the wind and sea both went down and we had top gallant sail on. at 10 A. M. squalls began to come took in light sail and by noon had her under 2 close reefed top sails with every indication of a gale from N. W.

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1845. Ship American bound home

Remarks on Friday May 9th 1845.

- 25 Strong gale from N.W. heading to the N.E. the wind increasing at 6 P.M. had her under the 3 stay sails blowing heavy in squalls from N.W. and N.N.W. and before midnight it was one of the most severe gales that I ever experienced. parted the foremast stay sail sheets and whipped the rope off but saved the sail at 4 A.M. moderating began to make sail and at daylight had on whole topsail and courses and at noon the N.E. sail with the voice from P.M. steering N.E.

Lat 47° 30'
Long 44° 30'

Saturday May 10th

- 26 Wind from N steering N.E. sent the foremast stay sail for the one damaged last night - 6 P.M. double reefed the voice carrying to the N and increasing. middle part broke a fore topsail sheet rove a new one and set the topsail again. latter part set reefed main sail and fore topsail wind about N.N.W.

Lat 45° 55'
Long 42° 52'

Sunday May 11th

- 27 Strong winds moderating heading up N.E. 6 P.M. out reefed and set N.E. sail weather quite warm and pleasant. latter part about 40° 40'

Lat 43° 30'
Long 41° 58'

Monday May 12th

- 28 Strong winds and thick weather 3 P.M. took a reef in the fore and main topsail latter part moderate made all sail steering N.E. broke out for water Bread flour & foggy & (M.A.)

Ship American homeward bound May

~~Remarks on~~ Tuesday May 13th 1845
 29 Light winds from S.W. and foggy weather. At 5 P.M. set 3rd Sudding Sail steering N. N. E. feel very thankful for a fair wind if it is light although it veered and hauled during the night on the latter part it settled to a steady N. S. W. breeze - began to stow mast heads again in Lat 40 34 Long 39 12

Wednesday May 14th
 30 Pleasant breezes from N. S. W. steering N. N. E. patching up the rigging about middle part wind about S. S. W. gradually hauling round to the E. latter part 2 porpoises set the starboard steering sails and rigged out the fly jib boom. 12 brace from E in studding sails and hauled up Lat 39.1 Long 38 22

Thursday May 15th
 31 Light winds from E. N. E. heading to the N. caught 2 Porpoises, repairing fly jib middle part took in light sails and reefed the fore and main topsails heading up N. N. W. foggy and rainy. 12 tack Lat 37.34 Long 38 55

Friday May 16th
 32 Strong breezes from N. heading up E. N. E. to S. W. moderate but felt cold set 1st and 2nd sails middle part thick and foggy 3 A.M. heavy squalls took in sail and at noon were under close fore and main topsails heading up N. clear and pleasant Lat 37.20 Long 37 26

Ship American homeward bound.

Remarks on Saturday May 17th 1845
 33 Strong gales from the N. 1 P.M. took in the
 fore topsail at 8 more moderate let alone
 fore topsail and squared away N. N. E.
 made sail as fast as necessary and on
 the latter part had all on with a fine
 wind from S.W.
 Lat 35 20
 Long 36 18

Sunday May 18th
 34 Moderate winds from S.W. 6 P.M. shifted
 Steering sails over on the Starboard
 side - Steering N. N. E. middle part
 nearly calm, latter part quite so and
 so ended in
 Lat 34 10
 Long 35 37

Monday May 19th
 35 Light airs from N heading to the E.
 middle and latter part strong breeze
 heading up N.E. and N.E. & E.
Got a porpoise
 Lat 33 40
 Long 33 46

Tuesday May 20th
 36 Strong breeze from N heading up N.E.
 repairing the jib and 8' topmast
 staysail latter part about as usual
 Got another porpoise
 Lat 32 24
 Long 31 50

Wednesday May 21st
 37 Moderate heading up N.E. vent the flyjib
 latter part broke out for water
 Lat 31 14
 Long 30 16

Thursday May 22nd
 38 Heading up N.E. in great want of
 a fair wind latter part saw first
 Lat 29 38
 Long 29 21

Friday May 23rd
 39 Light winds heading up N.N.E. put
 the waist boat over the side. middle
 part calm latter part moderate winds
 from N. 12 tack N.W. N.W. Lat 29 12
 Long 28 12

Ship American homeward bound May

40 Arrived on Saturday May 24th 1855.
 Light winds from the N heading to the
 N with some rain - caught a bucket of
 water and washed 2 shirts 1st drawers
 1 towel 2 pillow cases and 2 pocket handkerchiefs
 and partly washed 3rd stockings - gave George
 one old pair not worth retaining and gave
 Antonio the water cooper spoke for the water next
 wash. Mr Ince put some toasted cheese in the
 rat trap &c. now don't laugh cause when I have
 nothing better I shall write nonsense.
 7 A.M. tack to the W N.W. (having got stowed
 on tother lug during the night) and before
 noon took in the light sail in

Lat 28.58.0

Long 29.23 W

Sunday May 25th
 41 Wind from N. at 6 A.M. tack heading up
 N.E. latter part saw a ship ahead in

Lat 28.30

Long 28.5

Monday May 26th
 42 Wind still from the N and we are
 heading up E. N.E. saw a bark to leeward
 latter part about the same. Captain got
 the water in operation and turned some
 came-heads. while I fixed the main
 rigging and the watch scraped the pitch
 off the starboard side of the deck and
 so ends these 24 hours in Lat 27.50
 Long 26.1

Tuesday May 27th
 43 Light winds heading up N.E.
 Captain turning. Mate slicing a
 topgallant studding sail boom.
 I Larry got a watch below stowed away
 my cunes and Cape Larry duds in the
 bottom of the chest and then turned in
 don't recollect what my dreams were about
 middle part had some rain got
 a barrell of water and had a fine wash
 latter part sent up 5 and seven royal
 masts
 Lat 27.10
 Long 25.57

Ship American homeward bound

44 Arrived on Wednesday May 28th 1845
 Light winds from the N. at usual heading
 of N.E. - 4 years ago today and where was
 I Harry? - why just where I wish to be next
 4th of July but don't expect to get there so soon
 never mind all is for the best and what
 matters it - middle part tack to N.W.
 7 I sail - 9 tack to N.E. again - saw an
 English merchantman steering to the
 S.E.

Lat 25 24
 Long 25 9 W

Thursday May 29th
 45 Light winds from the N. making
 foggy. - I Harry patching old trousers and
 latter part about 20 to Captain turning rolling - wind
 Lat 25 35
 Long 24 20

Friday May 30th
 46 Light air from the N. heading to the N.E.
 Captain turning - I Harry counting apples got 500
 left if they don't rot will carry home home
 middle part calm, and what a beautiful
 night, we never have such ones at home
 where we can see the stars rise out of
 the ocean with not a cloud to be seen
 in the whole arch, and here we see
 the bright southern-cross the Centaur
 the Magellan Clouds and other stars never
 visible in our latitudes and can be
 who formed these grand and magnificent
 objects take note of the most minute of our
 thoughts and actions! how incomprehensible
 B.A.H. took a light breeze from E.N.E. steering
 N.W. latter part saw a 16 Brig steering S.E.
 Lat 24 59
 Long 24 40

Saturday May 31st
 47 Light winds from E. steering N.W.
 all these 24 hours with nothing in sight
 but fin backs - wet the oil and burst the
 nose and so end mending it - in
 Lat 23 30
 Long 25 31

Ship American bound home June

48 Permyards on Sunday June 1st 1845
 Light winds from E Stearing N.W.
 Captain turning came head - Ward mending
 hose - the rest of us hauling Permyard
 out of the sail room. Cut the pig's teeth
 off short to keep them from knocking decks
 were middle part rather squally with plenty
 of lightning latter part fine Lat 21 50' N
 Long 26 56

Monday June 2^d
 49 Light winds from E Stearing N.W.
 this is my 27th birth day and my 6th on board
 of this ship. Last voyage I had 5 and saw
 more such ones will make quite an old
 man of me. at 10 P.M. took the S.E. trades
 set the royal and all 4 standing sails
 Stearing N.W. latter part strong breeze
 Lat 20 53
 Long 27 59

Tuesday June 3^d
 50 Fine trades Stearing N.W. with all
 sail out - latter part tarring bowsprit
 rigging saw a ship on the weather bow
 and hauled up a point for her
 Lat 17 42
 Long 28 36

Wednesday June 4th
 51 3 P.M. spoke the America Fisher 23 mo
 4700 bound home of course - and before
 daylight saw her out of sight middle
 and latter part strong trades 18
 Lat 15 58
 Long 29 56

Thursday June 5th
 52 Strong trades Stearing N.W. & P.M.
 saw a sail off the lee bow latter part
 all hands employed in rattling down
 rigging
 Lat 12 52
 Long 31 21

Ship American bound home.

Remarks on Friday June 6th 1845.

- 53 Strong trades steering N.W. with all sail out all hands fitting rigging - saw a bark steering to the S. - the wind here is well to the S during the night and in the day time we have it more to the E. latter part saw one sail astern going to the S we steering N.W.

Lat 9.55
Long 32.11 W

Saturday June 7th

- 54 Pleasant trade & A finished rattling the lower and topmast rigging and did some little tarring - saw a fellow off the lee beam latter part the water tarring down

Lat 17.45
Long 33.28

Sunday June 8th

- 55 Steering N.W. with the wind off - don't know which side to carry the spanker boom till 20 fair middle and latter part some rain with the about S.E.

Lat 5.30
Long 34.36

Monday June 9th

- 56 Steering N.W. with the wind somewhat lapping but most of the time from S.W. & set larboard steering sails - broke out the sail boom for a lower straddling sail but found none saw a ship bound W. and a sail bound E. - latter part broke out the fore hold for water

Lat 3.28
Long 36.38

Tuesday

Monday June 10

- 57 Wind S.E. and S.E. steering N.W. & some rain saw a sail bound home latter part rising with a fine breeze I guess the Lat is 1.30

Wednesday

Tuesday June 11th

- 58 Steady rain and a fine breeze from S.W. steering N.W. saw a brig going N.W. too & A. broke a fore topmast steering sail boom latter fine and pleasant wind E. & E. and all sail on

Lat 1.55 N
Long 38.17 W

Ship American bound home June


Remarks on Thursday June 12th 1845

- 59 Strong E & SE winds on trades steering N.W. with all sail out, middle and latter part wind rather light - tarring and fitting rigging
Lat 3 12 N
Long 41.30 W

Friday June 13th

- 60 Light trades steering N.W. making a Studding Sail boom. got a very severe back shall have to patronize the Thompsonian doctor I am afraid when I get home. latter part about the same tarring & gallant rigging
Lat 5.35
Long 42.36

Saturday June 14th

- 61 Light trades steering N.W. middle part light winds from E took in Studding Sails - fitting rigging caught a porpoise

a porpoise
Lat 7.24
Long 43.39

Sunday June 15th

- 62 Commences with light winds from E
1 P.M. heavy rain and squally at 2 the wind came aft set all Starboard steering sails
3 took strong N.E. trades in all Studding Sails and braced up steering N.W. at 6 rigged in booms and took in two topgallant sails. middle part set them again and so we go all these 2 1/2 hours
Lat 9.20
Long 44.55

Monday June 16th

- 63 Strong trades steering N.W. passing squalls of rain and during the middle part strong ones took in Starboard topgallant sails latter part took out the larboard pump to clear it saw a brig to leeward going to the N.W.
Lat 11.28
Long 46.26

45 Ship American bound home

Remarks on Tuesday June 17th 1845

- 64 Strong NE trades steering N. N. W mending
nose and quidding latter part mended the
fly jib to repair and before noon the wind
calmed aft so that we got on a fore topmast
studding-sail having set the top gallant
sails some time during the night

Lat 14 7 N
Long 48.5 W

Wednesday June 18th

- 65 Strong trades steering N. N. W 4 P. M
set main royal and top gallant studding
sail and put the fly jib. Latter part
painting spars, Captain making a spare
wheel

Lat 16.47
Long 49 48

Thursday June 19th

- 66 Fine trades steering off N. W with all
to gallant studding sails on painting
spars latter part light winds hauled
up a point

Lat 18.48
Long 51.59

Friday June 20th

- 67 Light trades steering N. N. E painting
spars saw gulf weed for the first time
latter part finished the spars. Saw a brig
steering to the W

Lat 20 16
Long 53 22

Saturday June 21st

- 68 Light winds from E steering N. N. E. N
saw one sail - middle part passed a brig
latter part wind E. S. E all hands cleaning
ship

Lat 21.43
Long 54.30

Sunday June 22nd

- 69 Light winds cleaning ship steering
N. N. E. N with all sail out fore and aft
latter part nearly calm every body
busy catching gulf weed to get crabs
shrimps fish &c

Lat 23.7
Long 55 43

Ship American Bound Home June

Remarks on Monday June 23rd 1815
 70 Nearly or quite calm a part of the people
 overboard the rest of us looking on
 to S. light air from ESE steering
 N.W. & N. - 2 more Sundays is all I
 have to spend on board there I hope
 blow my good wind blow. haul girls
 haul will come as fast as we can.
 but who knows what I shall find at
 home 36 months have gone by since
 I have heard a word from Falmouth
 is that right no, no, no, and how little
 can I relate the changes that have taken
 place. all my visions of fancy paint things
 as I left them and without doubt I
 shall find myself a stranger in my
 native town as usual. how desolate it
 always seems for a week or two after
 we arrive from a long voyage. new
 acquaintances to form, new scenes to
 familiarize to the sight, new fashions
 to follow, and every thing new instead
 of being just as we left it. But without
 doubt we who are absent are somewhat
 changed too although we do not perceive
 it - without a very strict scrutiny - what a
 chill it strikes to ones heart to meet those
 whom we left on terms of the closest intimacy
 and friendship, to be received with a cold
 "how are you" and the slight attention that
 is paid to the sailor in general by Falmouth
 people whose lot is cast on the land - by
 those whom we once loved but who in
 the space of 3 years have grown to years of
 discretion and have learned that a
 sailor is an awkward, ignorant
 vulgar sort of a fellow. But the wheel
 is always turning.
 latter part very light air all hands
 busy painting the outside of the
 ship

Lat 23.50
 Long 56.15

45 Ship American found home

Remarks on Friday June 24th 1845

71 Light airs all hands painting ship finished the outside and on the latter part painting inside saw a brig going

Lat 26 28 N
Long 56 54 W

Wednesday June 25th

72 Light airs from the E painting inside all these 24 hours

Lat 25.6
Long 57 35

Thursday June 26th

73 Light airs steering NW by W painting ship and catching gulf weed

Lat 26 2
Long 58 47

Friday June 27th

74 Light airs from ESE finished painting latter parts calm

Lat 26 57
Long 59 13

Saturday June 28th

75 Light airs from S steering NW by N saw 3 sail 10 A.M. boarded 16 Brig Royal-
-Bridges Elliot 10 days from and of Norfolk
for Barbadoes

Lat 27 42
Long 59 54

Sunday June 29th

76 Calm all hands overboard as usual 3 sail in sight middle and latter part light airs from the S, saw 2 more sail bound NE

Lat 28 21
Long 59 52

Monday June 30th

77 Light wind steering NW by N passed a 16 Brig bound to the S. latter part passed 2 schooners. painted the stern

Lat 29 39
Long 62 15

Ship American off Bermuda July

Remarks on Tuesday July 1st 1845

- 78 Pleasant winds from S steering N.W.
 latter part saw a big bound to Europe
 painted the cabin gangway
 Lat 31.6 N
 Long 63.52 W

Wednesday July 2^d

- 79 Moderate winds from S steering N.W.
 1 A.M. hauled by the wind to the N.W.
 waiting for Bermuda 4 A.M. squared
 away again and at 9 P.M. the Island
 bearing N.W. 3/4 N. and at noon were in
 sight of the houses
 Lat 32.00
 Long 65.37 1/4 W

Thursday July 3^d

- 80 Moderate winds from S.E. steering
 N.W. 1/2 N. 6 P.M. boarded Schooner Present-
 Crowther 6 days from Wilmington Del
 for Port Spain and got some papers.
 middle part winds from S.E. and
 so we go slowly with studding sails out
 both sides. cleaning wheel
 Lat 33.2
 Long 66.36

Friday July 4th

- 81 Moderate steering N.W. 1/2 N. latter part
 strong winds from S.W. mounted
 the big gun. Saw a 16 Brig
 Lat 34.40
 Long 68.11

Saturday July 5th

- 82 Strong winds from S.W. steering
 N.W. 1/2 N. going off a good jog saw a
 whaling bark bound out poor fellows
 middle part plenty of thunder lightning
 and rain carried away the main S.G.
 yard - tore the fly jib. sprung 2
 studding sail booms and double
 reefed the topsails. 7 A.M. calm
 latter part repairing damages

Lat 36.25

Ship American in the Gulf Stream

Remarks on Sunday July 6th 1845

83 Calm and so continued with a current
Setting us SW 11 AM a light air from
the S.
Lat 36 00 S
Long 70 1 N

Monday July 7th

84 Light winds from W and WSW steering
NW & N when she will lay up to it -
middle and latter part steering N.W.
with a strong breeze sent up a couple
of studding sail booms for a fore top
gallant yard and set the edg.
Lat 37 39
Long 70 49

Tuesday July 8th

85 Strong winds from WSW steering NW
with all sail out middle and latter
part light winds from WSW steering N
put the anchor on the bow. saw 2 birds
saw blackfish,
Lat 39 54
Long 71 14

Wednesday July 9th

86 Light winds from W steering N broke
up the try canvas. 6 PM sounded in
55 fathoms green mud - saw 2 birds
at daylight 30 fms saw gay head bearing
N 6 E and so ends calm
Lat 40 59

Thursday July 10th

87 Light airs from the S. steering for gay
head. took a pilot - passed the head
11 abreast of West chop light - going with
a fair tide and at 3 AM let go the
best bower off Nantucket bar in
so ends this voyage. - 2 PM have up
and got the canvas under all ready
for the steamboat in the morning

Ship American hard and fast July

Friday July 11th 1845.
Strong gales from the W. S. A. H. found
the Capt. adrift. Stuck out chain and
brought her up to the steamer hooked on
and towed us until we stuck fast
in the sand. 3 P. M. hooked on again
and slewed us round then left us
& commenced breaking out oil to light
ship at 8 the lighter came alongside
and so we lay like a parcel of
fools owing to carelessness.

Saturday July 12th
2 A. M. commenced breaking out oil again.
Soon after the steamer hooked on
but could not start us - loaded
Captain Egan with oil and at
4 P. M. the steamer hooked on again
and by 8 got alongside the wharf
so ends this voyage.

Henry W. Gifford

Tuesday 15"
Warm. employed in visiting old friends

Wednesday 16"
Very warm thermometer at 91° went out shopping almost melted down

Friday 18"
Took a ride to Woodshole and had a look at the old Penn. most tired of loafing

Saturday 19"
Went to auction bot a rocking chair, candle
stick and a tumble-bed - Whierick got a
cradle - this looks like something
*Don't sail
until
this time*

Sunday 20"
Went to church the first time in 3 1/2 years
Heard a sermon upon the subject of Sabbath
breaking very much needed I think

Tuesday 22"
Took steam and went to Nantucket
had quite a shower of rain this
morning. found the oil turned
out 1900 on the wharf which makes
2000 in all - sold for 89cts per gallon

Friday 25"
Arrived in Falmouth again with
E. F. Robinson

Sunday 27"
Wind from the N with rain all the
forenoon. put on swakose and went
to church (very vulgar I spoke)

and night with some rain and lightning
Thursday 5 A.M. took steamer for Portmoy and
then into the cars for Philadelphia arrived at
11 and at 4 P.M. took cars for Baltimore and
arrived at 11 P.M. put up at the U. States Hotel
Friday August 6th 1865. At 8 P.M. took cars for
Philadelphia and arrived about 3 A.M. on
Saturday 7th at 5 started for New York and got
there by 11 A.M. - at 4 started for Binghamton
in steamer St. Nicholas, at Piermont took
cars for Middletown then the stage for
Bloomburg and arrived at 3 A.M. on
Sunday Aug 8th At 7 P.M. took stage and
at 5 got to Monticello.

Monday Aug 9th 7 A.M. took stage went all day
and all the next night and on
Tuesday Aug 10th at 6 A.M. landed at Gere's
Hotel in Binghamton.

Saturday Aug 11th Took stage at 7 A.M. and arrived
at Honedale about 10 P.M.

Sunday Aug 12th went to church in the forenoon
and it being very warm staid at home
for the remainder of the day.

Monday 13th At 1 A.M. took stage and got
into Middletown about 4 P.M. then rail road
to Piermont then steamer St. Nicholas
to New York where we arrived about 10 P.M.

Tuesday 14th at 7 A.M. took the Long Island
rail road through Greenport - steam to Norwalk
and then cars through Worcester to Boston
where we arrived at 10 P.M.

Wednesday 15th 7 took cars for A. Bedford arrived
at 12 got on board Capt. Skinner and at
home by 4 P.M.

Thursday and Friday - Loafing

Saturday. Loafing and painting went to see
the Diagram in the town house.

Falmouth

Sunday Aug 22nd 1855

Fine and pleasant went to Church in the evening
drifted down to Feticet School house

Monday got up a Truckle berry ride down
in the woods. quite pleasant

Tuesday very busy painting house. took a
ride in the evening - Shinnick spliced

Wednesday - painting. singing school in
the Methodist Chapel

Thursday evening - boating

Friday some rain boating most of the
time went to singing school in the evening

Saturday very busy painting all this day

Sunday Aug 24th
attended church 2 times this day

Tuesday or rather Wednesday went up to
Scruggs with an a chowder party some rain

Saturday went on an excursion to
New Bedford in the new Steamer
Nashua

Sunday Aug 31st Mr Fish from Northree
preached

Thursday Sept 1st Went to Vintu ket with
Adehaide

Sunday 7th Strong gales and plenty of
sand flying

Monday took a cruise out to the cliff

Wednesday 10th Returned to Falmouth

Thursday Friday painting and griddling
Saturday went to Wagwait for beach
plums in the Hoop Branch Capt
Shinnick

Hallowell

Sept

Sunday Sept 14th 1815

Some little rain did not go to church in the forenoon so must make up for it in the evening - but by mistake in the evening made a call at Mrs Barnes

Sunday Sept 21st

Rainy went to church in the afternoon Garrison and J D Lawrence called in the evening and we spent it quite pleasant

Sunday Sept 28th

Went to church and I think that many went to sleep in the evening went to meeting down to eticket

Tuesday 30th

Went over to New Bedford in the packet

Wednesday rainy returned in the Nantux bed and lady passengers also

Thursday October 2nd

Went to Nantuxet and got some teeth fixed

Friday returned

Sunday October 5th

Some rain went to church and heard very good preaching from Mr Poor

Dec 15th

Rather bad weather for travelling that is there is a good bank of snow on the ground and plenty of sash so cant do much this evening

26th

Had a fine Candy frolic at our house very bad walking so got a sleigh and wheelbarrow for travelling vehicles

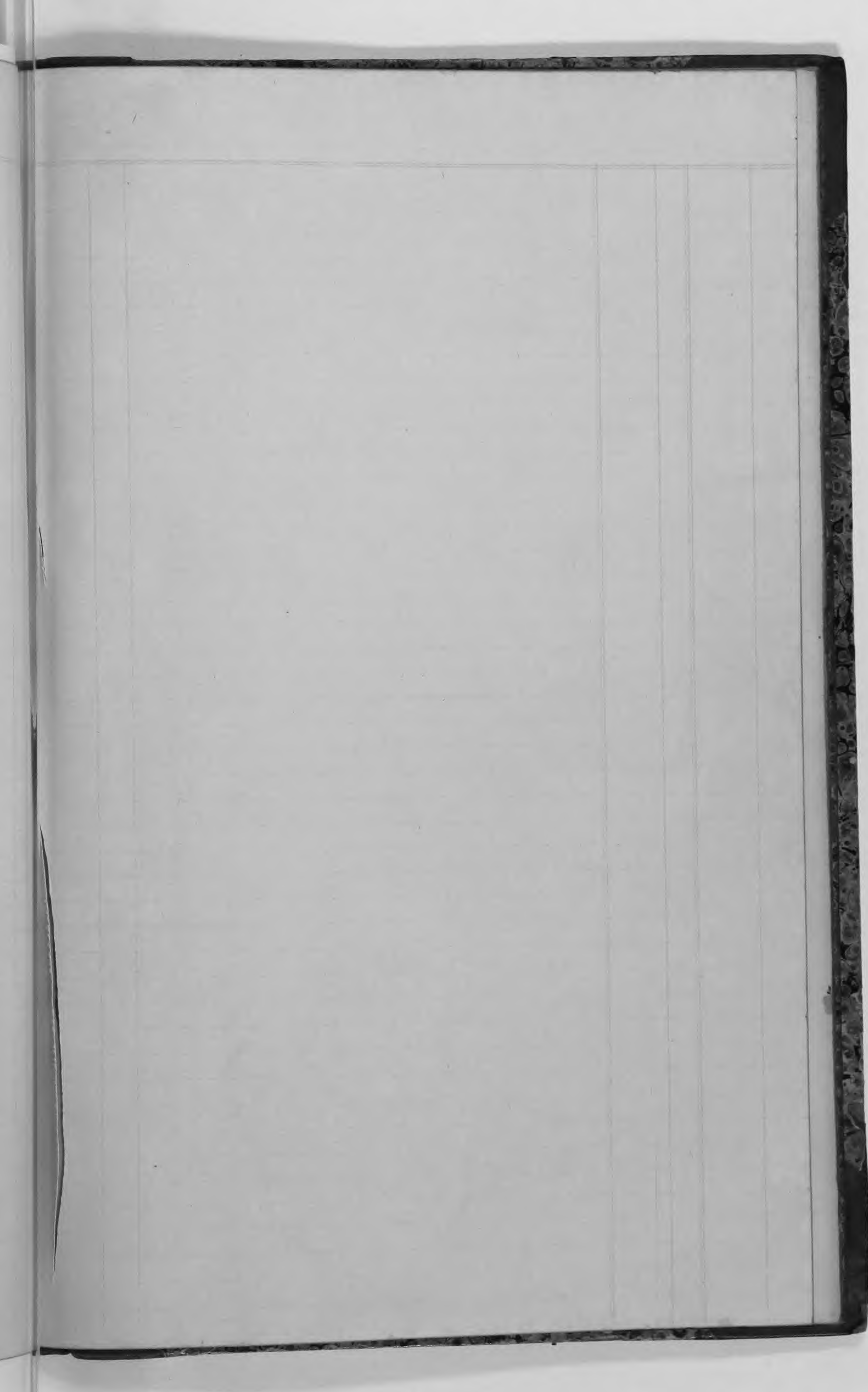
145 Salmon

Sunday Dec 2
Went to church all day
covered with ice and

Monday
Went down on the gr
got about 30 dot anna

Tuesday
Went to the mytho
evening and heard







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